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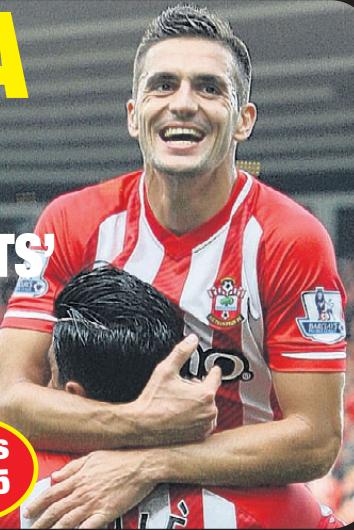


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## OFF TO A FLYER

HOW DOES SAINTS GREAT START COMPARE WITH PREVIOUS SEASONS?

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# THE LONG RUN

*Super-sub Shane nets a brace to keep Saints' superb sequence going*

**SAINTS** will stay in second place for another fortnight thanks to Shane Long's two goals against Leicester at St Mary's.

The £12m hitman came off the bench to fire in a five-minute double in the second half as Saints struggled to overcome dogged resistance from the Foxes.

**SAINTS 2 LEICESTER 0**

It means Saints have 25 points from just 11 games this season, and keeps them five points clear of Manchester City, who were facing QPR in the late kick-off this evening.

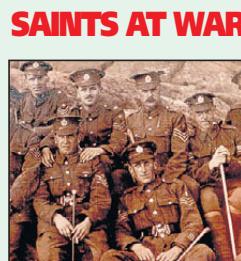
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Team-mates congratulate Shane Long after his opening goal against Leicester

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Koeman targets shooting practice  
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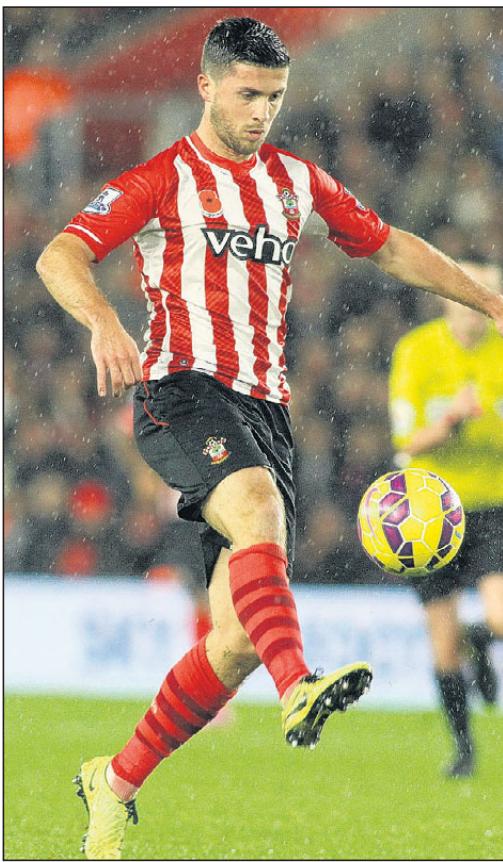
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# Saints Spotlight



**SCORER:** Shane Long.

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**CAPTAIN:** Jose Fonte

**SAINTS 2 LEICESTER 0: IT'S SHANE'S WORLD**

# SUPER SUB GOALS SEAL

**SUPER-sub** Shane Long scored two goals in the space of five minutes to ensure Saints will remain second place in the Premier League for at least another fortnight.

The £12m man was thrown on after 68 minutes as Ronald Koeman tried to provide his side with an extra spark as they looked to break down a dogged Leicester side at St Mary's.

Long did exactly that as he fired in goals on 75 and 80 minutes to secure another three points for his side.

It means Saints have 25 points from just 11 games this season and will head into the international break with only league leaders Chelsea ahead of them.

Saints created a half chance just two minutes into the game as Dusan Tadic's low cross from a short corner came quickly to Toby Alderweireld at the far post but he couldn't make a clean connection to the half volley and it spooned up in

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the air. That was as good as got in the early stages as Saints made a slightly sluggish start to the game in the pouring rain.

Leicester were predictably well organised and getting men behind the ball but Saints just needed to step it up a notch to start really threatening themselves.

Saints were most lively down the left hand side where Ryan Bertrand was trying to be a driving force himself, or attempting to get Sadio Mane running at the Foxes with his pace when he could.

Bertrand's superb cross on 20 minutes required putting behind by the Leicester defence before the corner worked its way out to Nathaniel Clyne, who drilled

in a shot from 25 yards that was straight at Kasper Schmeichel.

Leicester created the first decent chance of the game from a set piece on 25 minutes.

Matty James floated in a left wing in-swinging corner that was met by the head of Wes Morgan eight yards out under little pressure, but he headed over the bar.

Mane was again at the heart of the action as Saints almost got in on 35 minutes.

The winger dropped his shoulder and sped past Ritchie De Laet and shot first time back across goal after his attempted cross returned to him but he fired over.

Morgan Schneiderlin became the first player in the book after bringing down Jamie



**ABOVE:** Victor Wanyama is

Vardy.

Saints dealt were a blow as Steven Davis was forced off through injury. He went into a regulation challenge with Jeffrey Schlupp.

There didn't look to be too much in it initially but Davis immediately had a resigned look on his face as hobbled off on 40 minutes to be replaced by Jack Cork.

Just a few minutes after his introduction Cork tried his luck from 20 yards but it went well wide.

The half time whistle brought an end to a wet and frustrating 45 minutes for

Saints.

They just hadn't got going as they can and, though rarely troubled by Leicester, had barely threatened themselves against a team they looked to have the beating of, leaving Koeman a bit of work to do at



Ronald Koeman made one change from the side that defeated Hull for the visit of Leicester to St Mary's. Sadio Mane was drafted back into the starting line-up in an attacking left sided midfield role with Shane

### TEAM NEWS

Long dropping to the bench. Only long term absentees James Ward-Prowse and Jay Rodriguez were unavailable. Leicester had a boost in

being able to recall record

signing and leading scorer Leonardo Ulloa after he recovered from a minor injury problem.

There was no place in their squad for former Saints mid-fielder Dean Hammond.

**KOEMAN'S POST-MATCH VERDICT - SEE PAGE 4**

# Saints Spotlight

**AS SAINTS PLAY THE LONG GAME TO KEEP SECOND PLACE**

# SHANE'S VICTORY



challenged by Esteban Cambiasso at a rainswept St Mary's

the break to spur his side into life. Saints showed a glimpse of the sort of football that has brought them such success this season as a quick break down the left saw Mane play in Tadic whose cross was met first time on the half volley by Graziano Pelle from 12 yards out but it flashed over the bar.

They thought they finally taken the lead on 52 minutes as Bertrand's low curling cross from the left was converted by Mane but the flag was correctly raised for offside and it was rightly ruled out.

Moments later Tadic fed the ball to Pelle who tried a shot from a tight angle but fired wide of the near post.

It was much better stuff from Saints who looked far more purposeful in the final third, especially as Tadic came to life and was being given far more of the ball.

Alderweireld went in the book for a blatant foul on Vardy as he threatened to get in behind before Leicester made their first change

on 54 minutes with Liam Moore replacing De Laet.

The Foxes briefly threatened with Andy King getting off a shot from just inside the area but it went harmlessly into the side netting.

It didn't take Moore long to get booked as he chopped down Mane.

Bertrand fired in a low and skiddy effort from distance after a corner was cleared to him on 63 minutes but Schmeichel got down quickly on top it to block the shot.

Saints made a change to try and get something extra going in their attack with Shane Long coming on for Mane on 68 minutes.

Morgan Schneiderlin almost provided the magic moment as a corner was cleared but his shot was deflected wide by a Leicester body.

Leicester made a second switch with Chris Wood replacing Leonardo Ulloa.

Saints were clearly trying so hard to find the breakthrough but a mixture of a lack of fluency in the final third and the odd

moment of bad luck was keeping them out.

Finally the frustration was ended as Saints took the lead on 75 minutes.

Cork lifted the ball into Pelle with his back to goal who showed great strength to hold off Marcin Wasilewski to control on his thigh and laid it back into the path of Long.

The on running Saints man side footed a first time curling effort past Schmeichel and into the far corner.

Leicester responded with their final substitution with Nick Powell coming on for King.

Wasilewski found his way into the book for blocking the run of Long.

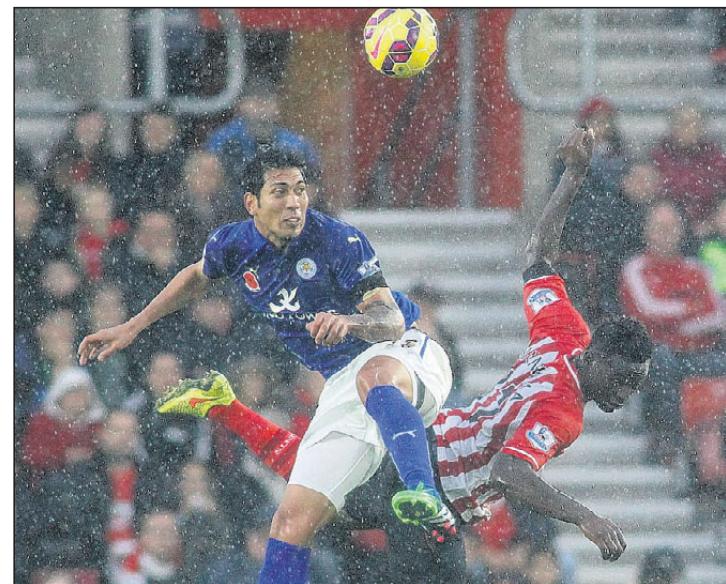
The striker was proving a super sub as he added a second goal on 80 minutes.

Schmeichel's kick up field was won by Saints and fell to Wanyama just inside his own half.

He played a deft chipped pass over the top to Long who beat the offside trap and was clear in on



**ON TARGET:** Goal scorer Shane Long.



**BATTLE:** Leicester posed a dogged challenge.

goal. He showed great composure to finish low past Schmeichel and into the near bottom corner for 2-0 to effectively seal the three points.

Leicester could have made it a nervy finish as Wood got in behind the Saints defence and held off Jose Fonte but produced a woeful finish to miss the target altogether from eight yards out.

Harrison Reed made an injury time appearance in place of Schneiderlin and was on the pitch to see Long hit the side netting with a late hat-trick chance and then hear the cheers as the final whistle went and signalled yet another Saints win.

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# Saints Spotlight



# RON HAILS BELIEF

**RONALD Koeman hailed his "fantastic" Saints as they fought to ensure another three points to keep themselves second in the Premier League table, writes ADAM LEITCH.**

It was an often frustrating afternoon against Leicester at St Mary's before second half sub Shane Long fired two goals in the space of five minutes to secure yet another win for Koeman's men.

It sends Saints into the latest international break guaranteed of second place and with the hopes and dreams of the fans only increasing still further.

"If you have the belief and the lads are doing fantastic, it's amazing how they work every day and how they have the spirit and it's really a team and they show that

every week," said Koeman.

"In the last few weeks maybe the wins are more difficult but we are Southampton, we are not City, we are not Chelsea who win sometimes very easily."

"We have to fight and we know our qualities and another clean sheet makes a difference and it's very positive what we are doing until now."

"We have played only 11 games but after 11 games the big teams maybe they more quality players than we have but I don't see a lot of difference between the big clubs and how they play and with the programme they have. We can keep this surprise in the season."

Saints had to work hard to break down a dogged and well organised Leicester team but were still good value for their win.

"I think we had enough

patience," reflected Koeman. "It was necessary because it was difficult."

"I think in the final passes we missed some quality in the first half and we were the better team, the dominant team in the game, but we didn't create a lot of opportunities."

"We spoke about that and said if we keep good organisation and clean sheets we will score because we have players that make the difference and it's what we spoke about in the second half."

"Patience, more pressing, and they had good organisation and good defending and Shane Long made the difference when he came on."

"He had great quality to score both goals and another win and clean sheet."

"Sometimes it's difficult

because people expect an easy win with our position in the table but we know exactly our qualities and we have to work very hard every game to win."

Saints will assess Steven Davis' injury tomorrow but are optimistic he will only be sidelined for a week or two.

The midfielder went down just before half time after a challenge with Jeffrey Schlupp and was forced to hobble off.

Davis is likely to miss out for Northern Ireland in the international break but Saints boss Ronald Koeman is hopeful it's not too serious.

He said: "He had a little feeling in his hamstring and I hope it will not be really an injury, one or two weeks, but tomorrow we can make the scan and say something more about that."



**TEAM SPIRIT:** Ronald Koeman looks on as Graziano Pelle wins the ball in the match against Leicester

# Cherries clash is damp squib

Middlesbrough and Bournemouth's top-of-the-table clash proved a damp squib as they played out a 0-0 draw in the Sky Bet Championship on Saturday.

A season-best crowd of 22,930 turned out at the Riverside for the day's most eye-catching second-tier contest.

Yet those in attendance will have left wondering what might have been as both teams' defences had the decisive say. Anticipation was high for the meeting of first versus second, although each side dropped a place ahead of kick-off after Derby rose to the summit with a

5-0 win over Wolves in the early game.

Goals were not forthcoming in an entertaining opening period, with the best effort coming when Adam Reach rattled the crossbar.

A game that had promised so much petered out during a drab second half to ensure Bournemouth ended the day second, a place ahead of their opponents on goal difference. The teams looked evenly matched during a calm opening period, with both probing cautiously.

It was Boro who created the first opening when Lee Tomlin

cleverly jinked his way past two defenders, only to see a tame left-footed effort saved by Artur Boruc.

Bournemouth responded impressively, with Matt Ritchie forcing Dimi Konstantopoulos to save a clever bicycle kick.

The game was suddenly taking on an end-to-end nature, illustrated by Reach's fizzing 25-yarder striking the woodwork. Tomlin continued to look the biggest threat and, having been afforded too much space once more, drove to the edge of the box before seeing a low effort turned around the post by Boruc. Middlesbrough endured

a couple of scares thereafter, Konstantopoulos producing a stunning fingertip save to turn over Ritchie's effort before Charlie Daniels' effort deflected narrowly over the crossbar. Bournemouth ended the half in the ascendancy and almost went in ahead, Harry Arter's stunning volley flying inches over the bar.

The break appeared to sap the energy from the encounter as both sides struggled for fluency early in the second half. But Bournemouth still spurned a golden opportunity when Callum Wilson volleyed over on the stretch after the ball had

deflected into his path. That was one of the few sparks, however, as the game settled into a grim rhythm.

The visitors were looking the likelier team to end the stalemate, with Marc Pugh's fizzing ball across the six-yard box just evading Wilson.

Unsurprisingly, Middlesbrough pressed on the accelerator as the half wore on - although Bournemouth's back four were proving a tough nut to crack. They did not really threaten to penetrate it, either, with a Reach effort from distance that flew over their only real strike at goal in the closing stages.

**SCIENCE OF SAINTS' SUCCESS - SEE PAGES 16-17**

# Non-league Football



**GOAL:** The Lincoln City keeper can only watch the ball after Craig McAllister fires Eastleigh in front. ID No: 20405387

# LATE STRIKE AS SPITFIRES WIN

**EASTLEIGH** broke Lincoln City hearts as they struck an 88th minute winner to beat their Vanarama Conference rivals 2-1 at the Silverlake Stadium today in the FA Cup first round, writes **PETER HOWARD**.

A dominant first-half performance saw Craig McAllister give Eastleigh the lead at half time.

But after the break the Imps were a far different prospect and Spitfires' stopper Ross Flitney's pulled off a series of heroic saves to keep his side in the lead, before substitute Delano Sam-Yorke slotted home with just over 15 minutes to play.

Then, in the closing moments, just as the replay most likely, the magic of the cup was alive and kicking, as Ben Strevens buried a shot inside the box to send the 873 crowd into raptures.

The first half saw Eastleigh feast on a glut of chances, but only find the net once. It was apparent almost immediately from kick off that the Spitfires were far superior and confident in possession.

Among the chances they had within the first seven minutes, McAllister clattered a header from a Jai Reason corner against the bar and another effort saw Will Evans head narrowly over.

On nine minutes the veteran forward, McAllister, opened the scoring, heading home from eight yards after Dan Spence delivered a whipped cross.

Throughout the half, the Eastleigh pressure continued. Every long ball, through ball and cross seemed to cause the vulnerable Imps backline a world of trouble to deal with.

The visitors scarcely troubled Eastleigh custodian Flitney, and the



**JOY:** The Eastleigh players celebrate Ben Strevens' last minute goal.

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Spitfires defence, until first half injury time, as Marcus Marshall flashed a dangerous ball across the six yard box.

Lincoln came out a team transformed after the interval, creating several chances to level.

Hamza Bencherif headed into Flitney's hands from a Sean Newton cross and, the travelling side were dangerous again, as Alan Power pulled a reaction save out of the Spitfires' keeper. The best of those early second half openings saw Jordan Burrow fire painfully over from five yards.

Eastleigh were struggling big time to settle into the half.

And despite the Spitfires' brave defending and the heroic of Flitney, Lincoln were level in increasingly difficult and wet conditions.

Freshly-on substitute, who came onto replace Burrow, Sam-Yorke, darted through, breaking the offside trap and slotting in the equaliser with 18 minutes left.

With eight minutes left, Conner Robinson darted off the right wing and connected with a Newson cross and should have scored, but his right footed effort went past the left post from close range.

As the game came to a close it looked increasingly likely a replay would be needed to settle this tie.

However, Ben Strevens had other ideas as he sent the Silverlake into celebration by placing a Ben Wright cut-back into the net.

That was pretty much Eastleigh's only clear-cut chance of the second half. Lincoln will feel gutted not to take anything away from this clash.



# Gamble pays off for Town as Totton slip

AFC Totton's winless run stretched to four games as they were floored by an eighth-minute Mark Gamble goal in today's Southern One South & West showdown against Wimborne Town at the Testwood Stadium.

The Magpies bossed the opening minutes and, from the game's first corner, ex-Eastleigh man Ian Oliver met George Webb's delivery with a scuffed shot which keeper Steve Mowthorpe smothered.

Totton responded with a superb long ball from Jamie Bulpitt which picked out the run of Craig Feeney, but goalkeeper Jason Harvell got there just in the nick of time.

Within a minute the Stags fell behind.

Sam Griffin's cross from the right found skipper Scott Arnold on the edge of the area and he headed it down for Wimborne's predatory marksman MARK GAMBLE who poked it past Mowthorpe from close range.

Harvell then had to be alert again to cut out Liam Gilbert's floated cross under pressure from tall defender Ellis White.

Play was then halted while White's central defensive partner Rob Flocks received treatment after colliding with his own keeper Mowthorpe, who then denied the rampaging Gamble by racing to the edge of his area and blocking with his feet.

Webb, the smallest player on the pitch, then headed wide of Mowthorpe's left-hand post before Totton responded with a spell of pressure which brought two great efforts from Nathaniel Sherborne.

Harvell dealt smartly with them both – first palming away Sherborne's 20-yard strike and then brilliantly turning away another good hit from the edge of the box after Sherborne had got the better of grounded Magpies' captain Arnold.

As the end-to-end action continued, White and Zac Mouland threatened for Totton, while Feeney had a penalty shot turned down after racing shoulder-to-shoulder with Arnold into the Magpies' area and going to

ground.

Gamble posed a constant threat at the other end, having one shot deflected out for a corner and cleverly steering another just over from an acute angle.

Just before half-time, Griffin capitalised on White's failure to cut out a cross-field pass, but Mowthorpe saved the day for Totton by sliding in to save at the No 7's feet.

After a low-key start to the second half, Totton's White was infuriated with the officials for missing some off-the-ball barging from a Stags corner.

And the boys in blue were fired up again minutes later when Oliver brought down Bulpitt with a heavy challenge on Totton's right.

Oliver was booked for the foul and, in the aftermath, Totton defender Flocks was cautioned for dissent.

On 56 minutes great work by Liam Hibberd put Mouland in on goal, but Harvell closed him down in a flash and the ball rebounded off the keeper and out for a corner with Mouland coming off worse as the pair collided.

Totton boss Steve Riley withdrew Bulpitt and threw on frontman Taylor Edwards on the hour as the Stags looked to find their way back into a finely balanced contest.

That breakthrough moment looked to have come on 70 minutes when Sherborne drove in menacingly from the left and let fly from distance, but the outstanding Harvell denied him with another top-drawer save.

Riley made further positive substitutions, bringing on James Jennings and Joe Maxwell, but it was not to be for the Stags.

Harvell – briefly a Totton goalkeeper during Stuart Ritchie's days in charge – crowned an excellent display on 89 minutes, racing out to deny Feeney as the Stags' leading scorer scampered through.

Totton kept going right into stoppage time but one last chance eluded them when White headed straight at the impeccable Harvell.

**Result:** AFC Totton 0, Wimborne Town 1



**MARK GAMBLE**

## Costa keeps Chelsea top by four points

**DIEGO** Costa fired his 10th goal of the season as Chelsea maintained their four-point lead at the top of the Barclays Premier League with a 2-1 win over Liverpool at Anfield.

Costa polished off a Cesar Azpilicueta cross in the 67th minute as Jose Mourinho's men fought back from the shock of conceding an eighth minute opener to Emre Can.

The Turkish midfielder's effort deflected home off Chelsea defender Gary Cahill, who redeemed himself five minutes later when he bundled an equaliser past home keeper Simon Mignolet.

Costa's effort appeared to have sealed victory but Chelsea still had to ride their luck when an apparent Cahill handball in the box went unpunished by referee Anthony Taylor.

Louis Van Gaal was a relieved man after watching his Manchester United side labour to a 1-0 win over Crystal Palace at Old Trafford.

United's defensive frailties were once again in evidence as Fraizer Campbell was gifted a golden chance to open the scoring in the first half after



**DIEGO COSTA**

**hesitation between Daley Blind and Paddy McNair.** Yannick Bolasie also missed a good chance but United rode their luck and grabbed the winner in the 67th minute when substitute Juan Mata played a neat one-two with Angel di Maria before firing home.

Mata also hit the post late on as United improved and ultimately did just enough to earn their victory.

Burnley claimed their first top-flight win at the 11th time of trying as they edged a 1-0 win over Hull at Turf Moor.

Recalled Ashley Barnes was the hero as he headed home Kieran Trippier's 50th minute cross to finally get Sean Dyche's season up and running.

Andy Carroll came agonising close to claiming all three points for West Ham in his first appearance of the season at Upton Park.

The Hammers were largely frustrated by a resolute Aston Villa side who were looking to end a miserable run of six successive defeats.

Diandra Sakho missed two late chances before Carroll replaced Mark Noble in stoppage time and saw a strong late header brilliantly saved by Brad Guzan as Villa clung on for a goalless draw.

**UNVEILED: The Markus Liebherr Pavilion at Staplewood**



# TURNING POINT

**THE** unveiling of the new Markus Leibherr training facility marks an important turning point for Southampton football club.

With the unveiling of the state of the art facility Southampton football club made a very open and public statement of intent and at exactly the right time.

With it, surely no one can doubt the commitment of the owner Katharina Leibherr and the director she intends to take the club in.

With a proposed two-story annex will house the Saints Academy's education facilities, as well as a treatment room, sports laboratory and additional gym facilities., the club has taken huge steps towards dominating the south coast in terms of attracting the very best young talent. Who wouldn't want their son to go there, to the very best facility in the UK?

It marks yet another huge step forward for the club, at a time when some of their more high profile rivals are actually going backwards.

It's only fair for Saints fans to look at the likes of Liverpool and Tottenham as being the clubs to beat this season, not just because of the talent that left for these clubs but because they represent the next stage in our evolution.

I had an interesting conversation with a friend of mine, Jamie Brennan, which hinged almost entirely on one word... progression.

Had Spurs lost to Everton this weekend just past, then it would have seen



BY DAREN WHEELER

Saints quite unbelievably on double the amount of points as former manager Mauricio Pochettino. It bears the question, have Tottenham and Liverpool actually improved this season?

Tottenham finished 5th with Gareth Bale. They subsequently sold him to Real Madrid for close to £90 million in what most people would agree was a great bit of business. But only if it improved the club. Spurs would finish one place lower the next season and are now eighth but only by the merits of a narrow victory against Aston Villa which

had they lost would have left them in 14th place.

So did the sale of Gareth Bale actually improve Tottenham? The obvious answer would be no.

You then have Liverpool, last season second in the league and surely challengers for the title the next season? They sell their player of the year for a fortune and bolster their team with a multitude of new players, mostly from our squad.

You could argue that buying players from a club that finished 6 points beneath you was hardly progression but all three players had sparkled over the last 2 seasons and were seen as positive signings.

Liverpool are 7th, 8 points away from the team in 2nd which rather ironically happen to be the team they plundered in the summer. You'd have to be stark raving bonkers to suggest that Liverpool are anything other than a massive failure this time around.

Did the acquisition of 3 Saints players at nearly £30 million improve Liverpool? The obvious answer would be no.

Take Southampton. A club that just 5 years ago was on -10 points in League 1. A trophy in season one and a finish just outside the play off places (from a -1 point start and a new team), 2 consecutive promotions, mid-table in the Premier League in their first season there, eighth the next and currently sitting in second place. At every step of the way this club has progressed.

It begs the question, what do you expect from your football club? Clubs like Liverpool and Tottenham expect trophies. Their recent history suggests their expectations way outstrip their actual achievements.

Liverpool haven't been champions since the Premier League's inception and Tottenham have won just one trophy in 20 years, despite once having the tag of being a club that won a trophy every year ending in one.

Saints are battoning way above their average this season, every step we've taken is way above our expectations. You can't lose so many first team players without either having to take a step back or at least be recognised for having done an awful lot right in the first place.

So what represents success? Our expectations have been lowered due to the unprecedented loss of players but to finish above 8th would be a huge achievement. To get within sniffing distance of a trophy would make this season absolutely huge.

Ronald Koeman has shown, by fielding a very strong side against Stoke in the League cup this season, that Saints are taking the competition very seriously indeed. If Saints were to win a trophy this season it could well be the single most impressive achievement this club has ever made.

To climb to such heights in just 5 years, be pillaged by so called bigger clubs, and come back not only stronger but finish higher, winning a trophy? We're talking team of the season, no matter who wins the league.

I'm a Southampton fan, I'm also a realist. I know my club's limitations, I know the very best I can expect is the moment. I've screen captured more picture of Saint's league position that you can imagine, all of them posted on Facebook.

My friends who support so call bigger clubs always ridicule me for it. They just don't get it, you never know what tomorrow may bring. I'm simply seizing the moment... And what a moment it is.



**COMMITMENT: Katharina Liebherr**

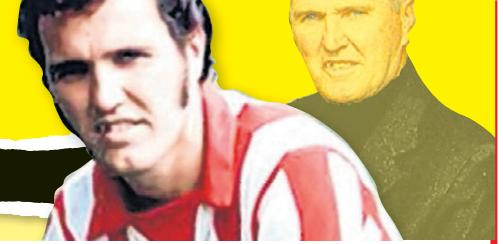
**SAINTS NEWS AND VIEWS IN THE SPORTS PINK EVERY WEEKEND**

# Paine's World

The Saints legend's **EXCLUSIVE** column on all things football



Terry Paine (second from left) at the unveiling of the redeveloped Staplewood with Josh Debayo, Katharina Liebherr, Ralph Krueger and Josh Sims.



## A special place

IT GAVE me enormous pleasure this week to attend the opening of Southampton's incredible new training ground.

I have to say that I – and everyone else who was lucky enough to be there – was absolutely gobsmacked by just how amazing the place is.

Staplewood really is something truly special, and everything you could possibly think of is catered for.

I was completely taken aback by just how far the game has advanced, in terms of the facilities and amenities that are now available to the players and staff.

It really has come on in leaps and bounds, and it was fascinating to hear about the medical and sports science side of things, as well as everything that is wrapped up in that.

The detail in which the club analyse games, teams and individual players is incredible, and we even got a glimpse inside the 'Black Box'

room, where transfer targets are identified and assessed.

There is no doubt that it is an astonishing, state-of-the-art set-up.

In fact, the entire campus must be a tremendous asset for the club moving forward into the future, as well as being able to cater for all the pre-set-day needs.

It was also a special moment to witness the unveiling of the Markus Liebherr Pavilion.

If there is anybody who deserves to be called a Saint, then it is the club's late owner.

He is a genuine Saint for what he has done.

We must also not forget his family, and how they have carried on with his vision, as well as the traditions of the club, and taken it into a new era.

It was clearly a very emotional moment for Markus' daughter, Katharina, and a day that I am sure will live long in her memory, as well as everyone else who was present.

# IT'S ALL KICKING OFF

### With 36 managers in 22 years, Leeds United chairman Massimo Cellino is no stranger to a sacking or two.

But it was still somewhat strange when Leeds parted company with consultant Graham Bean after he approved a 24-hour delay from Reading to accommodate the Royals' Sunday kick-off.

Cellino's main anger may have been due to Bean apparently making the decision without checking, but the Italian also complained about the large number of Leeds games already moved for TV.

In the Premier League, games kicking off at 3pm are something of a rarity for many teams, due to the deal allowing 154 games to be shown live on television over the season.

But, in the Championship, Saturday 3pm games are still expected by many fans.

The current Football League TV deal includes just 75 games from their three divisions, with about 50-60 of these matches set aside for the Championship.

With each game featuring two teams (leaving 100-120 slots), everyone in the Championship should, in theory, be featured about four times, with some extra air time for the top teams.

What happens, though, as Cellino noted, couldn't be further from this.

So, does he have a point?

One night spent adding up TV games shows that by the end of the year Leeds will have featured six times, not including the numerous occasions they have been the feature game on the BBC highlights show and, therefore, had their games shown live abroad without having to change kick-off time.

This is more than both last week's league leaders Derby County, who will end the

year with five live games (four of those appearances still to come) and second place Watford.

Cellino's complaint feels like someone being offered all the Halloween chocolate, only to complain they feel sick after eating it.

Yes, his Leeds side have over-featured. However, he fails to complain about extra exposure and revenue this brings in.

If any clubs have a right to be annoyed, it is Bournemouth and Middlesbrough. Both teams went into this weekend at the top of the division, with both playing good football and both featuring just once more in 2014.

A somewhat surprising find was that early relegation favourites Blackpool were selected twice in the first part of the season.

Considering they don't appear again this year, it's probably safe to assume someone thought it might be fun to watch a side who didn't have enough players to put out a team in July.

Fans love to watch a good battle, as highlighted by the other teams that occupy the bottom five positions each featuring twice more this year, but there is something a little sad about watching Blackpool at the moment.

One thing that the TV companies tend to forget is that one of the best things about the Championship is that on the first day of the season technically everyone is equal.

The team with the most money available is not always the team that gets promoted, and the smaller teams don't always get relegated.

One glance at the TV games for the first quarter of the season shows a far less even distribution of games than you would expect.

Pre-season favourites Nottingham Forest



MASSIMO CELLINO

and Norwich City had three of their first 18 games selected, while Cardiff City and Leeds United both featured four times.

Brighton, a team that finished in the play-offs last year had just a single game selected, yet Sheffield Wednesday had two picked despite being poor the previous two seasons.

If you aren't selecting games on a team's ability as an advert for the league, the only other reason is money.

Games in the Premier League are obviously televised to generate cash, but they are also shown to allow access to the 'greatest' league in the world.

But what is the point of showing Championship games?

The Championship may be one of the most

watched leagues in Europe, in terms of fans through the gates, but its appeal outside of the UK is limited and, therefore, airing games will generate far less income.

Of the Football League's three divisions, the Championship does have the best chance of producing good viewing figures, hence why it gets so many more games than the other two divisions.

With far less neutrals watching lower league games, with the exception of local derbies which always attract interest, the easiest way to try and bump up the ratings is to just select the clubs with the biggest fan bases in the league, like Leeds United.

For a side in the Championship, Leeds have a large number of fans and some of the highest viewing figures when their games are broadcast.

This probably explains why so many Leeds United games were selected, despite little evidence pre-season that this campaign would be known for what was happening on the pitch.

As an added bonus, featuring them away from home bumps those figures up even higher, allowing for increased advertising revenue.

Four of the six televised Leeds United games have been away from home against teams with lower support.

Despite what we are told, money isn't everything.

The games on TV give the Championship a chance to prove it is more than just a production line for next season's Premier League relegation favourite, or somewhere top-flight teams go to vanish from sight after a few too many years in a relegation battle.

It would be nice if the TV companies, and Cellino, could remember this.

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# Saints Spotlight

## SAINTS' FIRST TEAM FIXTURES AND RESULTS 2014/15


**AUGUST**

Sat 17 Liverpool .....	A	L 1-2 D 0-0	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	Schneiderlin	Wanyama	Tadic*	S Davis**	W-Prowse	Pelle	Long*	Isgrove**
Sat 23 West Brom .....	H	W 2-0 W 3-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Yoshida	Bertrand	S Schneiderlin 2	Wanyama**	Tadic	Long***	W-Prowse**	Pelle 1	Long*	Cork**
Tues 26 Millwall (LC 2) .....	A						Targett					Long*	Tadic*	Ramirez*	
Sat 30 West Ham .....	A						Bertrand						Pelle 1		Ramirez***

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat 13 Newcastle .....	H	W 4-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1***	Schneiderlin 1	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle 2	Wanyama*	Gardos**
Sat 20 Swansea .....	A	W 1-0 W 2-1	Forster	Clyne 1	Fonte	Yoshida*	Bertrand	Cork**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Long	Pelle	Gardos*	Wanyama 1***
Tues 23 Arsenal (LC3) .....	A	W 2-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Gardos	Targett**	Bertrand 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic 1	Mane*	Pelle	Bertrand**	Targett***

**OCTOBER**

Sun 5 Tottenham .....	A	L 0-1	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama*	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Mane	Pelle	Long*	Mayuka***
Sat 18 Sunderland .....	H	W 8-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic 1	Long**	Pelle 2**	Wanyama 1*	Gardos**
Sat 25 Stoke .....	H	W 1-0 W 3-2	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Cork*	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Mane 1	Pelle	Wanyama*	Alderweireld**
Weds 29 Stoke (LC4) .....	A							Wanyama**	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic	Long 1	Pelle 2	Cork*	

**NOVEMBER**

Sat 1 Hull .....	A	W 1-0	Forster	Clyne	Fonte	Alderweireld	Bertrand	Wanyama 1	Schneiderlin	S Davis	Tadic**	Long*	Pelle	Mane*	Cork**
Sat 8 Leicester .....	H														
Mon 24 Aston Villa .....	A														
Sun 30 Man City .....	H														

**DECEMBER**

Weds 3 Arsenal .....	A														
Mon 8 Man United .....	H														
Sat 13 Burnley .....	A														
Tues 16 Sheff Utd (LC5) .....	A														
Sat 20 Everton .....	H														
Fri 26 Crystal Palace .....	A														
Sat 28 Chelsea .....	H														

**JANUARY**

Thurs 1 Arsenal .....	H														
Sat 10 Man United .....	A														
Sat 17 Newcastle .....	A														
Sat 31 Swansea .....	H														

**FEBRUARY**

Sat 7 QPR .....	A														
Tues 10 West Ham .....	H														
Sat 21 Liverpool .....	H														
Sat 28 West Brom .....	A														

**MARCH**

Tue 3 Crystal Palace .....	H														
Sat 14 Chelsea .....	A														
Sat 21 Burnley .....	H														

**APRIL**

Sat 4 Everton .....	A														
Sat 11 Hull .....	H														
Sat 18 Stoke .....	A														
Sat 25 Tottenham .....	H														

**MAY**

Sat 2 Sunderland .....	A														
Sat 9 Leicester .....	A														
Sat 16 Aston Villa .....	H														
Sun 24 Man City .....	A														

CONTRIBUTING FROM DEEP: Victor Wanyama scores against Swansea

making and scoring goals.

"They are not so in defending as the defenders but we know we need a good organisation and we see that in the last few games and it's difficult to score against us.

"That starts in the front and if we do good pressing then it's easier for the midfielders and the defenders.

"It's team work and they showed that."



	LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG		LA	LG	CA	CG	CSA	CSG							
ARTUR BORUC	0	0	0	0	50	0	NATHANIEL CLYNE	10	1	3	1	71(5)	4	SAM GALLAGHER	0	0	0	0	3(17)	2
CODY CROPPER	0	0	0	0	0	0	JACK CORK	4(4)	2	0(2)	1	126(21)	3	SHANE LONG	5(4)	0	2(1)	0	7(5)	0
KELVIN DAVIS	0	0	0	0	292(1)	0	HARRISON REED	0	0	0	0	1(7)	0	EMMANUEL MAYUKA	0(1)	0	0	0	3(11)	1
FRASER FORSTER	10	0	3	0	13	0	MORGAN SCHNEIDERLIN	10	3	2	0	212(31)	13	GRAZIANO PELLE	10	6	3	3	13	9
PAULO GAZZANIGA	0	0	0	0	18(1)	0	VICTOR WANYAMA	5(4)	3	3	0	28(8)	3	JAY RODRIGUEZ	0	0	0	0	59(17)	26
RYAN BERTRAND	10	1	0(1)	0	10(1)	1	STEVEN DAVIS	9(1)	0	3	0	69(18)	6							
MATT TARGETT	0(1)	0	3	0	3(1)	0	LLOYD ISGROVE	0(1)	0	1	0	2(2)	0							
JOSE FONTE	10	0	3	0	190(5)	13	SAM MCQUEEN	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0							
FLORIN GARDOS	0(3)	0	2	0	2(3)	0	GASTON RAMIREZ	0(1)	0	0(1)	0	27(23)	8							
TOBY ALDERWEIRELD	6	0	0(1)	0	6(1)	0	DUSAN TADIC	10	1	2(1)	1	12(1)	2							
MAYA YOSHIDA	4	0	1	0	51(1)	2	SADIO MANE	3(2)	1	1	0	4(2)	1							
JACK STEPHENS	0	0	0	0	0(1)	0	JAMES WARD-PROWSE	4(1)	0	1	0	35(31)	1							

KEY: LA: league appearances. LG: league goals. CA: cup appearances. CG: cup goals. CSA: career Saints appearances. CSG: career Saints goals.

# Adam Rant



This week's big talking points  
with **Adam Leitch**

# EYE-OPENING TOUR OF SAINTS FUTURE

**SOUTHAMPTON'S** challenge going forward is not whether they can achieve things we never previously thought possible on a consistent basis, but the manner in which they will do it.

Adam Rant was privileged to be given a tour of the club's redeveloped Staplewood training ground this week in the presence of club legend and president Terry Paine.

It was fascinating to see Paine in full flow as he viewed each room with wide-eyed amazement.

A succession of club employees were asked what they were up to by the old wing maestro, who in turn regaled them of tales of what things were like back in the days when he was playing.

It was a fascinating insight into how far things have come.

Perhaps just as interesting is to reflect how quickly things have changed also.

There has been a fairly slow progression between Paine's days and an era that really only started five years ago at Saints following the takeover by Markus Liebherr.

That pivotal mind brought with it a change of mindset, and so much has followed.

Adam Rant has been writing about Saints' fortunes for more than a decade.

When he first started the Staplewood training ground was the same as it had been for many years, a main pitch with a single story brick building alongside it housing a canteen, antiquated changing rooms and a few offices.

As the money really started to flow in from the Premier League so more space was required.

This translated in the erection of a few temporary buildings, and an indoor pitch, and that was about it.

So to see what Staplewood is today is quite mind blowing.

Every aspect of player training and development from the under-7s right through to the first team has been thought of.

It is a technological marvel, state of the art and has at its heart a fantastic principle with the youth sides housed on the same site as the seniors and gradually progressing through the age groups and further up the campus, all the time striving to get to the very top where the first team enjoy the most remarkable of settings.

■ It's good that Formula One is so exciting this season.

Looking at the constructor's championship table this week it revealed the team at the top have more than 300 points while two teams at the bottom do not have a single point.

Thank goodness the playing field has levelled out so dramatically. It might be boring otherwise.

Perhaps the most telling comment was from Katharina Liebherr, as she unveiled a plaque to her late father, Markus, whose vision the training base was.

She said Markus would have been delighted as it paved the way for the club to have a sustainable



WIDE-EYED: Terry Paine took a tour of Saints' new Staplewood training ground this week

That is coupled with the culture which exists at the club.

They have experts in every field there, but under the current regime they are given the freedom to innovate and express themselves. They can experiment, try new things, and it has resulted in some incredible ideas and discoveries that are truly leading the way in football.

Though proof that you do not need a fancy training ground to thrive or to produce superb young talent has been provided down the years by Saints, this is something else altogether, and lays a platform to take the club on to another level entirely.

In fact, so remarkable is all of

future. What she meant is that the long term aspirations of Saints would be taken care of by this £39m project, so administration or deep pocketed owners would not be required in the future. What a legacy that is.

Saints have the base to transition themselves from what they have always been seen as – the battling minnows who have achieved greatness in the past, most notably under Lawrie McMenemy, but not in this era where money has bought success – to a club that can strive for and achieve far better on a consistent basis.

In fact, so remarkable is all of

this that it's hard to imagine Saints won't break the barriers of what was previously thought possible.

Therefore the challenge will come in keeping this club rooted to the community, to respecting its past and history and tradition while all around them is hype and glamour.

That plaque to Liebherr and the sight of Paine touring the ground suggests that won't be a problem.

If so, if success is married with a progressive club but one that remembers what this is really all about, these are exciting times indeed.

## Trying times for City

SOME of Manchester City's multi-millionaires need to take a look in the mirror after their Champions League performances this season.

The midweek shambles against CSKA Moscow was the case in point.

It was about as bad a Champions League performance as you could wish to see with such silly, basic errors, suggesting a total lack of motivation.

While Brendan Rodgers might be under pressure at Liverpool, and his team selections under the microscope, you can at least see the side he puts out are trying, even if they aren't succeeding.

Manuel Pellegrini will be on borrowed time if City don't give the same impression, and double quick.

It's a pretty damning indictment on the players if they can't even manage that.



ROY HODGSON

## Honesty is best policy for Hodgson

ONE of the worst things that the media does is to moan about something not happening, and then find cause to complain when it does.

The case in point is Roy Hodgson with Raheem Sterling.

Go to the majority of press conferences in football and you will probably hear journalists complaining of people trotting out the same old clichés and never being brave enough to just tell the truth.

We complain about a lack of honesty and transparency and moan that it's disrespectful to those who ultimately pay the wages in the wider public.

Hodgson said Sterling was being left out of the England side as he was too tired, a decision that both the player and manager were content with.

What followed was a massive storm.

Apparently, according to many papers, Hodgson should never have gone public, these conversations should stay in house.

No they shouldn't.

Hodgson this week addressed the media again and was asked whether he learned anything.

He was unrepentant and made the point himself – is there a problem these days with telling the truth?

It is rank hypocrisy to be offended by both a policy of keeping things secret and telling the truth.

In Adam Rant's opinion the truth is always better, as generally it gets out anyway.

It would just be nice if for once people would praise public figures for just being honest, rather than decide they have to tear them to shreds for it.



# Saints Spotlight

## BOOK of the WEEK

**STAYING POWER: A YEAR IN MY LIFE**  
By Phil Taylor with Mike Walters  
Sports book of the month price: £13.60  
saving £6.40 on rrp

RARELY do those who have dominated our newspaper's back pages and Sky Sports screens for more than two decades complain about being "exhausted from the strain of constant winning". While it's probably much better than the alternative, this cryptic reference in Phil Taylor's latest book suggests that perhaps 'The Power's' batteries are running a little low.

No-one can challenge Taylor's status as the greatest darts player of all time. A world champion on an incredible 16 occasions, he reminds us of the time he first entered the Lakeside World Championship as a 125/1 outsider back in 1990. He was earning £74 a week in a ceramics factory, but after he defeated Eric Bristow 6-1 in the final and collected a cheque for £24,000, his life changed forever.

Staying Power avoids becoming another full-scale autobiography, concentrating instead on a particularly difficult year in Taylor's life. Given the number of times he mentions his age and the fact that he's now a grandfather, the reader cannot help but conclude that the affable Taylor is close to calling time on an incredible career.

In many respects, Taylor has done for darts what Tiger Woods did for golf, his consistency, good nature and willingness to promote the game resulting in a phenomenal

rise in TV exposure and, as a consequence, prize money. Yet here we see a man under constant pressure, hampered by a tough schedule and who, when he takes a three-week 'detox' break in

Portugal catches an earful from his manager. This particular year in Taylor's life is no cakewalk.

Taylor talks of sleepless nights, mental exhaustion and of being increasingly distracted by personal problems. "My marriage was heading for the divorce courts," he writes, "but there were other matters, which were too delicate to share with you, occupying my time and attention away from the oche." Considering Taylor later reveals that he contemplated suicide in 2001 following a conviction for assaulting two women, his tantalising reference to delicate matters looks an ideal start point to a definitive autobiography when he finally calls time on his career.

Before then, there's another world championship next year - a 17th win for this engaging man would offer the opportunity for him to go out at the top.

**QUIZ QUESTION**  
We've teamed up with Sports Book of the Month and have a copy of STAYING POWER to give away.

To win this week's sports book, go to their website ([www.sportsbookofthemonth.com](http://www.sportsbookofthemonth.com)) and answer the following question:

Who is the current PDA world champion?

**SAINTS are celebrating their best ever start to a top flight season.**

Last weekend's win at Hull kept Ronald Koeman's surprise side second in the Premier League.

Never before have Saints been so high in the table as November dawned.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at where Saints have stood in the table on November 1 during all their previous Premier League campaigns.

As we can see, the team have been found much nearer the bottom of the tables than the top.

**1992/93**

With Ian Branfoot in his second season as Saints boss, the club made a poor start to the first ever Premier League season.

As November dawned, they had lifted themselves out of the bottom three with a 1-0 home win over Oldham thanks to a first half goal from defender Richard Hall.

The top four has a - by present-day standards - strange look about it with Blackburn and Norwich joint top, QPR fourth and Coventry above Manchester United in sixth place.

**November 1, 1992**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Blackburn	14	7	6	1	24	9	27
2 Norwich	14	8	3	3	24	25	27
3 Aston Villa	14	6	6	2	23	15	24
4 QPR	14	6	5	3	20	15	23
5 Arsenal	13	7	2	4	17	12	23
6 Coventry	14	6	5	3	18	15	23
7 Man United	14	5	6	3	14	11	21
8 Ipswich	14	4	8	2	20	18	20
9 Man City	14	5	4	5	17	14	19
10 Chelsea	14	5	4	5	19	18	19
11 Middlesbrough	14	4	6	4	23	19	18
12 Leeds	14	4	6	4	25	23	18
13 Sheff Wed	14	4	5	5	16	17	17
14 Liverpool	14	4	4	6	20	23	16
15 Sheff Utd	14	4	4	6	14	19	16
16 Oldham	14	3	6	5	21	23	15
17 Tottenham	14	3	6	5	14	22	15
18 Wimbledon	14	3	5	6	18	21	14
<b>19 SAINTS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>
20 Everton	14	3	4	7	12	19	13
21 Crystal P	13	1	8	4	17	21	11
22 Nottm Forest	14	2	4	8	11	23	10

Alex Ferguson won his first ever top flight title, United coming through to win the crown for the first time since the late 1960s.

Norwich, Blackburn and QPR all continued their fine early season form to claim top five finishes.

Saints were engaged in a relegation battle for much of the season and eventually finished just one point off the drop zone.

**Final table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	42	24	12	6	67	31	84
2 Aston V	42	21	11	10	57	40	74
3 Norwich	42	21	9	12	61	65	72
4 Blackburn	42	20	11	11	68	46	71
5 QPR	42	17	12	13	63	55	63
6 Liverpool	42	16	11	15	62	55	59
7 Sheff Wed	42	15	14	13	55	51	59
8 Tottenham	42	16	11	15	60	66	59
9 Man City	42	15	12	15	56	51	57
10 Arsenal	42	15	11	16	40	38	56
11 Chelsea	42	14	14	14	51	54	56
12 Wimbledon	42	14	12	16	56	55	54
13 Everton	42	15	8	19	53	55	53
14 Sheff Utd	42	14	10	18	54	53	52
15 Coventry	42	13	13	16	52	57	52
16 Ipswich	42	12	16	14	50	55	52
17 Leeds	42	12	15	15	57	62	51
<b>18 SAINTS</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>50</b>
19 Oldham	42	13	10	19	63	74	49

**FLYING START: Jack Cork scores in the 8-0 demolition of Sunderland**

20 Crystal P 42 11 16 15 48 61 49

21 Middlesbrough 42 11 11 20 54 75 44

22 Nottm Forest 42 10 10 22 41 62 40

**1993/94**

Saints made an even worse start to the second Premier League season than they had the first.

The only two wins before November came, against Swindon, the only team below them in the table, and the famous Matt Le Tissier-inspired Dell success against Newcastle United.

Le Tissier scored twice again in the next game at the end of October, but Saints lost 4-2 at Anfield.

**November 1, 1993**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	13	11	1	1	27	10	34
2 Norwich	13	6	5	2	21	12	23
3 Arsenal	13	6	5	2	12	6	23
4 Blackburn	13	6	5	2	18	13	23
5 Aston Villa	13	6	5	2	15	10	23
6 Leeds United	13	6	4	3	20	16	22
7 Liverpool	13	6	2	5	20	12	20
8 QPR	13	6	2	5	24	21	20
9 Newcastle	13	5	4	4	21	14	19

10 Tottenham 13 5 4 4 19 14 19

11 Everton 13 6 1 6 16 16 19

12 Wimbledon 13 4 5 4 13 19 17

13 Coventry 13 3 7 3 14 16 16

14 Ipswich 13 4 4 5 12 16 16

15 West Ham 13 4 4 5 9 14 16

16 Man City 13 3 5 5 12 13 14

17 Chelsea 13 3 4 6 10 12 13

18 Sheff United 13 2 6 5 16 21 12

19 Oldham 13 2 5 6 9 19 11

20 Sheff Wed 13 1 7 5 17 23 10

**21 Saints** 13 2 2 9 15 24 8

22 Swindon 13 0 8 11 30 5

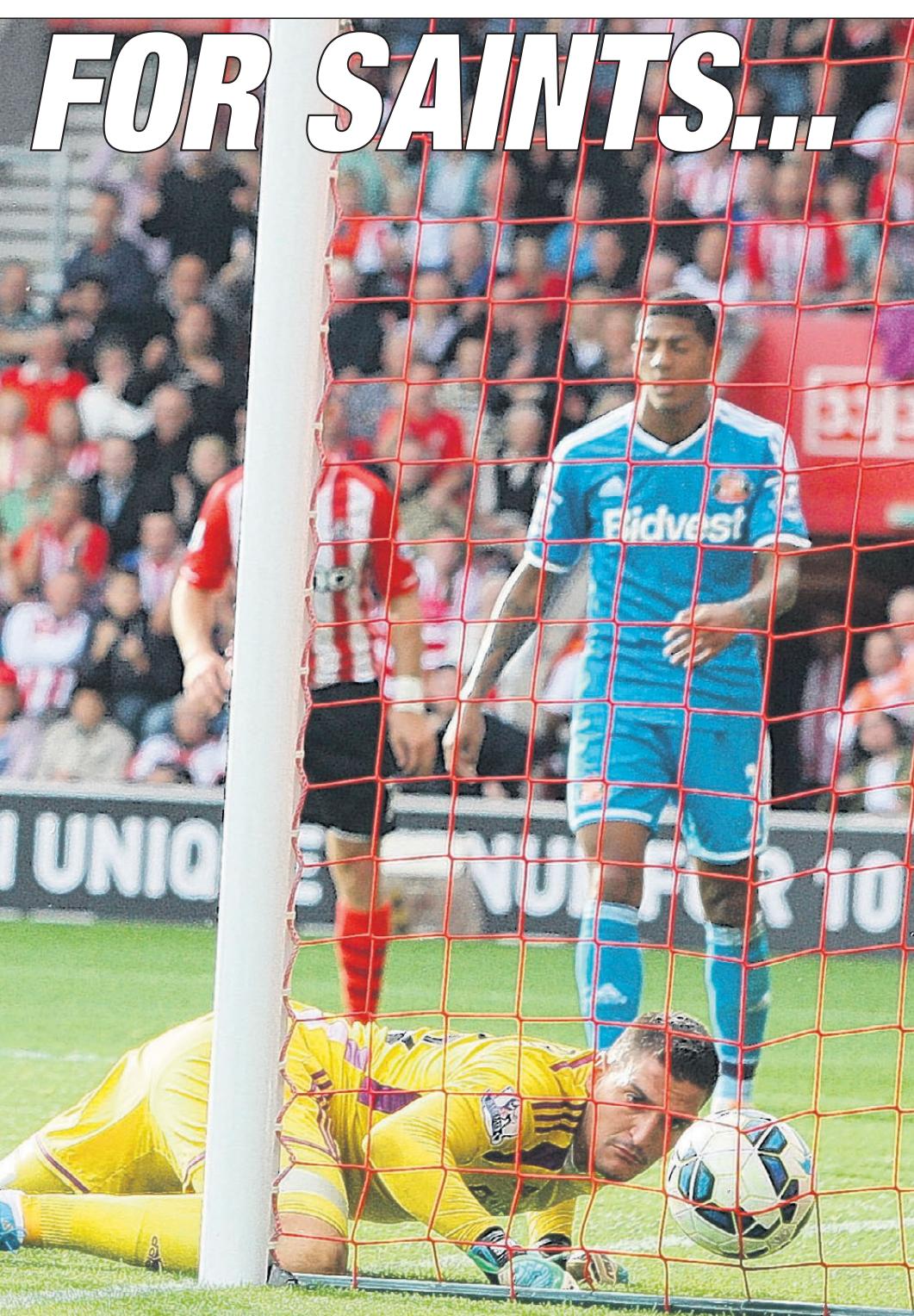
Yet again Saints just escaped the drop, Alan Ball guiding the club to

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# FOR SAINTS...



safety after Ian Branfoot was sacked in January.

Manchester United retained the title and it was interesting to see perennial underdogs Wimbledon finishing above Liverpool.

#### Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	42	27	11	4	80	38	92
2 Blackburn	42	25	9	8	63	36	84
3 Newcastle	42	23	8	11	82	41	77
4 Arsenal	42	18	17	7	53	28	71
5 Leeds	42	18	16	8	65	39	70
6 Wimbledon	42	18	11	13	56	53	65
7 Sheff Wed	42	16	16	10	76	54	64
8 Liverpool	42	17	9	16	59	55	60
9 QPR	42	16	12	14	62	61	60
10 Aston Villa	42	15	12	15	46	50	57
11 Coventry	42	14	14	14	43	45	56
12 Norwich	42	12	17	13	65	61	53
13 West Ham	42	13	13	16	47	58	52
14 Chelsea	42	13	12	17	49	53	51
15 Tottenham	42	11	12	19	54	59	45
16 Man City	42	9	18	15	38	49	45
17 Everton	42	12	8	22	42	63	44
18 SAINTS	42	12	7	23	49	66	43
19 Ipswich	42	9	16	17	35	58	43
20 Sheff Utd	42	8	18	16	42	60	42
21 Oldham	42	9	13	20	42	68	40
22 Swindon	42	5	15	22	47	100	30

1994/95

Saints had lost three successive games by the time November arrived, but were still safely in mid-table.

The arrival of Ronnie Ekelund on loan from Barcelona had provided an early boost, with the striker scoring in his first three league games – wins against Coventry, Ipswich and Everton.

November 1, 1994

P W D L F A Pts

1 Newcastle	12	9	2	1	29	12	29
2 Nottm Forest	12	8	3	1	25	13	27
3 Man United	12	8	1	3	21	9	25
4 Blackburn	12	7	3	2	25	12	24
5 Liverpool	12	7	2	3	28	13	23
6 Leeds	13	6	3	4	18	15	21
7 Chelsea	11	6	1	4	21	14	19
8 Norwich	12	5	4	3	12	11	19
9 ManCity	12	5	3	4	21	17	18
10 Arsenal	12	5	3	4	17	13	18
11 Tottenham	12	5	2	5	21	24	17
12 SAINTS	12	4	3	5	18	22	15
13 Coventry	12	4	3	5	14	20	15
14 West Ham	13	4	2	7	8	15	14
15 QPR	13	3	4	6	19	23	13
16 Sheff Wed	12	3	4	5	15	21	13
17 Crystal P	12	3	4	5	8	14	13
18 Wimbledon	12	3	3	6	9	18	12
19 Aston V	12	2	4	6	11	18	10
20 Ipswich	13	3	1	9	13	24	10
21 Leicester	12	2	3	7	14	24	9
22 Everton	13	1	4	8	9	24	7

For the first time in top flight history, four clubs were relegated in 1994/95 – but Saints were never in danger of being one of them.

Blackburn, boosted by ex-Saints Alan Shearer and Tim Flower and backed by Jack Walker's money, won the title on the final day.

A sign of the times was that Saints finished above both Arsenal and Chelsea, who were in the lower half of the table.

#### Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Blackburn	42	27	10	7	80	39	89
2 Man United	42	26	10	6	77	28	88
3 Nottm Forest	42	22	11	9	72	43	77
4 Liverpool	42	21	10	10	65	37	74
5 Leeds	42	20	13	9	59	38	73
6 Newcastle	42	20	12	10	67	47	72
7 Tottenham	42	16	14	12	66	58	62
8 QPR	42	17	9	16	61	59	60
9 Wimbledon	42	15	11	16	48	65	56
10 SAINTS	42	12	18	12	61	63	54
11 Chelsea	42	13	15	14	50	55	54
12 Arsenal	42	13	12	17	52	49	51
13 Sheff Wed	42	13	12	17	49	57	51
14 West Ham	42	13	11	18	44	48	50
15 Everton	42	11	17	14	44	51	50
16 Coventry	42	12	14	16	44	62	50
17 ManCity	42	12	13	17	53	64	49
18 Aston V	42	11	15	16	51	56	48
19 Crystal P	42	11	12	19	34	49	45
20 Norwich	42	10	13	19	37	54	43
21 Leicester	42	6	11	25	45	80	29
22 Ipswich	42	7	6	29	36	93	27

1995/96

Dave Merrington's Saints were only out of the drop zone by early November after beating Wimbledon 2-1 at Selhurst Park in the last game of October.

Neil Shipperley scored twice.

November 1, 1995

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Newcastle	11	9	1	1	27	8	28
2 Man United	11	8	2	1	23	11	26
3 Liverpool	11	7	2	2	24	8	23
4 Arsenal	11	6	3	2	15	6	21
5 Nottm Forest	11	5	6	0	19	12	21
6 Middlesbrough	11	6	3	2	11	6	21
7 Aston Villa	11	6	2	3	13	8	20
8 Leeds	11	6	2	3	17	13	20
9 Tottenham	11	4	4	3	16	14	16
10 Chelsea	11	4	3	4	11	14	15
11 Blackburn	11	4	2	5	16	15	14
12 West Ham	11	3	4	4	10	12	13
13 Sheff Wed	11	3	2	6	9	13	11
14 QPR	11	3	1	7	10	17	10
15 Wimbledon	11	3	1	7	15	25	10
16 Everton	11	2	3	6	12	16	9
17 SAINTS	11	2	3	6	11	20	9
18 Bolton	11	2	2	7	12	22	8
19 Coventry	11	1	4	6	8	21	7
20 Man City	11	0	2	9	3	21	2

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## Sports Quiz

- 1 Lionel Messi on Wednesday equalled Raul's mark of 71 Champions League goals. Raul achieved the feat in 142 matches. How many did Messi need?
- 2 Bath and England wing Semesa Rokoduguni was born in which country?
- 3 Name the two South African golfers who have won the Masters in the past decade.
- 4 Hamilton Masakadza plays international cricket for which country?
- 5 NFL's Jaguars play home games in which American city?
- 6 Marco Reus joined Borussia Dortmund from which club?
- 7 In which country did Lewis Hamilton celebrate the first Formula One race win of his career?
- 8 Who is second in the British women's tennis rankings?
- 9 In which capital city will this season's Europa League final take place?
- 10 Name the high jumper who won silver for Great Britain at the 2008 Olympics.
- 11 Which national team has Essex batsman Ryan ten Doeschate represented?
- 12 Which was Yaya Toure's first European club?
- 13 What is Andy Murray's middle name?
- 14 How many grand prix races has Lewis Hamilton won?
- 15 Nick Foles is a quarterback for which NFL side?
- 16 Who is the new director of cricket at Somerset?
- 17 Which American golfer won his only two major titles in 1998?
- 18 Which boxer won the Men's Bantamweight title for Great Britain at the 2012 Olympics.
- 19 Who is the top-ranked American in the ATP tennis world rankings?
- 20 Who is the coach of Benfica?
- Jorge Jesus.
- Luke Campbell; 19 John Insler; 20
- Marcin Konowal; 21 Mark O'Meara; 18
- Philadelphia Mason; 142 Brian; 15
- Bernardine Mason; 13 Brown; 11 Holland; 12
- Germaine Kone; 9 Warsaw; 10
- Monchegradbach; 7 Canada; 8
- Sacksonville; 6 Zimbabwe; 5
- Schwarzenegger (2011); 4 Zimbabwe; 3 Trevor Ammehem; 1 Fifi; 2 Eiji; 1
- Answers: 1 90; 2 Eiji; 3 Trevor Ammehem; 4 Zimbabwe; 5 Sacksonville; 6 Zimbabwe; 7 Canada; 8 Monchegradbach; 9 Warsaw; 10 Bernardine Mason; 11 Holland; 12 Brian; 13 Brown; 142 Brian; 15 Marcin Konowal; 16 Lukasz Fabianski; 17 Lukasz Fabianski; 18 Lukasz Fabianski; 19 John Insler; 20 Luke Campbell; 21 Mark O'Meara; 22

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# Saints Spotlight

## Non-league News

### Baffins boss eyeing big cup upset

**BAFFINS** Milton Rovers manager Louie Bell plans to "bloody some noses" when he takes his side to his former charges AFC Portchester in the Russell Cotes Cup later this month.

The former Port coach exited Wicor Rec in the summer after being told he no longer featured in the plans of the Sydenhams Premier Division side.

Since then he has taken charge at the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior division champions and led them to six points clear at the summit - with the club aiming for promotion to the Wessex league this term.

Bell can't wait to get back to Portchester on Tuesday, November 18.

The former Blackfield & Langley coach is looking forward to seeing familiar faces and is eager to test his side's Wessex Premier credentials against Graham Rix's outfit, who sit tenth in the league.



**WAYNE BOUD**

"We will be underdogs," said Bell. "But I can't wait to test my players against a team from that level."

"We beat Aldershot 3-1 in the last round, so hopefully we can cause some upset and bloody noses."

"I'm looking forward to seeing the Portchester fans, I felt close to them during my time there. They have very good fans."

"There will be a selection of people that I don't wish to see, but I am looking forward to going there."

Meanwhile the club have announced they have signed Fareham Town player Wayne Boud.

The right midfielder, known for his eye for goal, has worked with Bell before.

"I have massive respect for Wayne," said Bell. "We know each other and he's terrific player who wanted to join, which is a big boost for us."

"He will add more quality to an already excellent team."

Boud, previously of Blackfield & Langley, will arrive with a team in prolific form, having been beaten just once in 14 games.

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Kevin Keegan's Newcastle famously led the table by 12 points, only to lose out to Manchester United.

Saints, as was now becoming a habit, claimed Premier League survival on a nailbiting final day.

Manchester City, managed by Alan Ball who had quit The Dell the previous summer, went down instead.

#### Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	38	25	7	6	73	35	82
2 Newcastle	38	24	6	8	66	37	78
3 Liverpool	38	20	11	7	70	34	71
4 Aston Villa	38	18	9	11	52	35	63
5 Arsenal	38	17	12	9	49	32	63
6 Everton	38	17	10	11	64	44	61
7 Blackburn	38	18	7	13	61	47	61
8 Tottenham	38	16	13	9	50	38	61
9 Nottm Forest	38	15	13	10	50	54	58
10 West Ham	38	14	9	15	43	52	51
11 Chelsea	38	12	14	12	46	44	50
12 Middlesbrough	38	11	10	17	35	50	43
13 Leeds	38	12	7	19	40	57	43
14 Wimbledon	38	10	11	17	55	70	41
15 Sheff Wed	38	10	10	18	48	61	40
16 Coventry	38	8	14	16	42	60	38
17 SAINTS	38	9	11	18	34	52	38
18 Man City	38	9	11	18	33	58	38
19 QPR	38	9	6	23	38	57	33
20 Bolton	38	8	5	25	39	71	29

#### 1996/97

Wimbledon were holding down a top four place on the first day of November, with Graeme Souness' Saints in lower table despite having just caned Manchester United 6-3 at The Dell.

#### November 1, 1996

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	11	7	3	1	22	8	24
2 Newcastle	11	8	0	3	20	12	24
3 Liverpool	10	7	2	1	20	8	23
4 Wimbledon	11	7	1	3	20	11	22
5 Man United	11	5	4	2	22	17	19
6 Chelsea	11	5	4	2	19	16	19
7 Aston Villa	11	4	3	4	13	11	15
8 Everton	10	4	3	3	11	11	15
9 Sheff Wed	11	4	3	4	12	16	15
10 Tottenham	11	4	2	5	11	11	14
11 West Ham	11	4	2	5	11	15	14
12 Leicester	11	4	2	5	9	13	14
13 Middlesbrough	11	3	4	4	16	18	13
14 Sunderland	11	3	4	4	9	11	13
15 SAINTS	11	3	3	5	20	16	12
16 Derby	11	2	5	4	10	14	11
17 Leeds	11	3	1	7	8	18	10
18 Nottm Forest	11	1	5	5	10	18	8
19 Coventry	11	1	5	5	4	14	8
20 Blackburn	11	0	4	7	7	16	4

Despite being famously told 'you'll never win anything with kids' by tv pundit Alan Hansen, Alex Ferguson ended the season by lifting the Premier League title and the FA Cup.

Saints avoided the drop by a point again.

#### Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	38	21	12	5	76	44	75
2 Newcastle	38	19	11	8	73	40	68
3 Arsenal	38	19	11	8	62	32	68
4 Liverpool	38	19	11	8	62	37	68
5 Aston Villa	38	17	10	11	47	34	61
6 Chelsea	38	16	11	11	58	55	59
7 Sheff Wed	38	15	12	9	50	51	57
8 Wimbledon	38	15	11	12	49	46	56
9 Leicester	38	12	11	15	46	54	47
10 Tottenham	38	13	7	18	44	51	46
11 Leeds	38	11	13	14	28	38	46
12 Derby	38	11	13	14	45	58	46
13 Blackburn	38	9	15	14	42	43	42
14 West Ham	38	10	12	16	39	48	42



**LIFT OFF:** Graziano Pelle fires in his spectacular goal in saints' win over QPR.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
15 Everton	38	10	12	16	44	57	42
16 SAINTS	38	10	11	17	50	56	41
17 Coventry	38	9	14	15	38	54	41
18 Arsenal	13	6	6	1	27	13	24
3 Blackburn	13	6	6	1	23	11	24
4 Chelsea	12	7	1	4	27	15	22
19 Nottm Forest	38	6	16	16	31	59	34
20 Middlesbrough	38	10	10	18	35	53	40
5 Leicester	13	6	4	3	19	13	22
6 Derby	12	6	2	4	22	15	20
7 Leeds	13	6	2	5	16	13	20
8 Liverpool	12	5	4	3	21	13	19
9 Newcastle	10	5	2	3	12	13	17
10 Wimbledon	13	4	4	5	15	15	16
11 West Ham	12	5	1	6	16	19	16
12 Coventry	13	3	7	3	10	14	16
13 Crystal P	12	4	3	5	12	14	15
14 Aston Villa	13	4	2	7	12	19	14
15 Tottenham	13	3	4	6	11	17	13
16 Everton	11	3	3	5	13	16	12
17 Bolton	12	2	6	4	10	16	12
18 SAINTS	12	3	1	8	11	20	10
19 Barnsley	13	3	1	9	10	36	10
20 Sheff Wed	13	2	3	8	18	35	9
1 Man United	13	8	4	1	29	7	28
2 Arsenal	13	6	6	1	27	13	24
3 Blackburn	13	6	6	1	23	11	24
4 Chelsea	13	20	3	15	71	43	63
5 Leeds	38	17	8	13	57	46	59
6 Blackburn	38	16	10	12	57	52	58
7 Aston Villa	38	17	6	15	49	48	57
8 West Ham	38	16	8	14	56	57	56
9 Derby	38	16	7	15	52	49	55
10 Leicester	38	13	14	11	51	41	53
11 Coventry	38	12	16	10	46	44	52
12 SAINTS	38	14	6	18	50	55	48
13 Newcastle	38	11	11	16	35	44	44
14 Tottenham	38	11	11	16	44	56	44
15 Middlesbrough	38	10	14	14	34	46	44
16 Sheff Wed	38	12	8	18	52	67	44
17 Everton	38	9	13	16	41	56	40

Saints eventually claimed a safe mid-table finish, with the three pro-

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**GET IN:** Victor Wanyama is mobbed by his Saints teammates after scoring in the win over against Hull.

18 Bolton 38 9 13 16 41 61 40  
19 Barnsley 38 10 5 23 37 82 35  
20 Crystal P 38 8 9 21 37 71 33

## 1998/99

Saints were propping up the top flight on November 1 after winning only one of their first 11 matches.

That was a 2-1 Dell success against Coventry, with goals from Matt Le Tissier and Egil Ostenstad.

November 1, 1998

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Aston Villa	10	6	4	0	11	3	22
2 Man United	10	6	3	1	23	9	21
3 Arsenal	11	5	5	1	13	5	20
4 Middlesbrough	11	4	5	2	17	12	17
5 Liverpool	11	4	4	3	18	12	16
6 Chelsea	9	4	4	1	13	9	16

7 Leicester	11	4	4	3	11	10	16
8 West Ham	11	4	4	3	12	12	16
9 Leeds	11	2	8	1	11	8	14
10 Derby	11	3	5	3	10	9	14
11 Newcastle	11	4	2	5	15	16	14
12 Wimbledon	11	3	5	3	16	19	14
13 Tottenham	10	4	2	4	12	16	14
14 Charlton	10	3	4	3	17	14	13
15 Everton	11	2	6	3	7	10	12
16 Sheff Wed	11	3	2	6	8	10	11
17 Blackburn	11	2	3	6	11	15	9
18 Nottm Forest	11	2	3	6	8	17	9
19 Coventry City	11	2	2	7	7	17	8
<b>20 SAINTS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>
1 Man United	38	22	13	3	80	37	79
2 Arsenal	38	22	12	4	59	17	78
3 Leeds	38	21	6	11	58	43	69
4 Middlesbrough	38	18	13	7	62	34	67
5 West Ham	38	16	9	13	46	53	57
6 Aston Villa	38	15	10	13	51	46	55
7 Liverpool	38	15	9	14	68	49	54
8 Derby	38	13	13	12	40	45	52
9 Middlesbrough	38	12	15	11	48	54	51
10 Leicester	38	12	13	13	40	46	49
11 Tottenham	38	11	14	13	47	50	47
12 Sheff Wed	38	13	7	18	41	42	46
13 Newcastle	38	11	13	14	48	54	46
14 Everton	38	11	10	17	42	47	43
15 Coventry	38	11	9	18	39	51	42
16 Wimbledon	38	10	12	16	40	63	42
<b>17 SAINTS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>41</b>
18 Charlton	38	8	12	18	41	56	36
19 Blackburn	38	7	14	17	38	52	35
20 Nottm Forest	38	7	9	22	35	69	30

Final table

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## 1999/00

Marian Pahars scored for Saints in a 1-1 draw at Wimbledon, their last game of October 1999.

November 1, 1999

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Leeds	13	9	2	2	26	16	29
2 Man United	13	8	3	2	31	19	27
3 Sunderland	13	8	3	2	23	11	27
4 Arsenal	13	8	2	3	20	12	26

5 Leicester	13	7	2	4	23	17	23
6 Liverpool	13	6	3	4	16	12	21
7 Middlesbrough	13	7	0	6	18	17	21
8 Tottenham	12	6	2	4	21	17	20
9 Chelsea	11	6	1	4	18	10	19
10 Everton	13	5	3	5	22	20	18
11 Aston Villa	13	5	3	5	13	15	18
12 West Ham	12	5	2	5	12	11	17
13 Coventry	13	4	4	5	20	15	16
<b>14 SAINTS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>
15 Wimbledon	13	2	7	4	19	27	13
16 Derby	13	3	3	7	13	22	12
17 Newcastle	13	3	2	8	23	27	11
18 Bradford	12	3	2	7	10	20	11
19 Watford	13	3	0	10	8	22	9
20 Sheff Wed	13	1	2	10	8	30	5

Saints ended Wimbledon's top flight fairytale on the final day.

Promoted to the old First Division in 1986, the Dons were relegated after a 2-0 Dell defeat – and within a few years had ceased to exist.

## Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	38	28	7	3	97	45	91
2 Arsenal	38	22	7	9	73	43	73
3 Leeds	38	21	6	11	58	43	69
4 Liverpool	38	19	10	9	51	30	67
5 Chelsea	38	18	11	9	53	34	65
6 Aston Villa	38	15	13	10	46	35	58
7 Sunderland	38	16	10	12	57	56	58
8 Leicester	38	16	7	15	55	55	55
9 West Ham	38	15	10	13	52	53	55
10 Tottenham	38	15	8	15	57	49	53
11 Newcastle	38	14	10	14	63	54	52
12 Middlesbrough	38	14	10	14	46	52	52
13 Everton	38	12	14	12	59	49	50
14 Coventry	38	12	8	18	47	54	44
<b>15 SAINTS</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>44</b>
16 Derby	38	9	11	18	44	57	38
17 Bradford	38	9	9	20	38	68	36
18 Wimbledon	38	7	12	19	46	74	33
19 Sheff Wed	38	8	7	23	38	70	31
20 Watford	38	6	6	26	35	77	24

## 2000/01

Another poor start from Saints, now managed by Glenn Hoddle, saw them in the relegation zone as November dawned.

Their last game of October had seen them crash 5-0 at Old Trafford, with Teddy Sheringham hitting a hat-trick.

November 1, 2000

1 Man United	11	7	3	1	22	10	24
2 Arsenal	11	7	3	2	20	14	21
3 Liverpool	11	6	3	2	20	14	21
4 Leicester	11	5	4	2	9	7	19
5 Ipswich	11	5	3	3	16	12	18
6 Chelsea	11	4	4	3	22	14	16
7 Aston Villa	10	4	4	2	13	9	16
8 Newcastle	11	5	1	5	11	10	16
9 Sunderland	11	4	4	3	9	11	16
10 Leeds	10	4	3	3	15	14	15
11 Charlton	11	4	3	4	17	18	15
12 Tottenham	11	4	2	5	15	17	14
13 Man City	11	4	2	5	14	19	14
14 Everton	11	3	3	5	14	19	12
15 West Ham	11	2	5	4	13	14	11
16 Coventry	11	3	2	6	11	22	11
17 Middlesbrough	11	2	4	5	16	18	10
<b>18 SAINTS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>
19 Bradford	11	1	4	5	6	15	7
20 Derby	11	0	5	6	16	28	5

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## Non-league News



## Red appeal a success

AFC TOTTENHAM have successfully appealed a red card dished out to defender Chris Onoufriou. Former Andover and Lymington man Onoufriou got his marching orders during the Stags' 1-1 home draw against Larkhall Athletic in the Southern One South & West on Tuesday of last week.

The referee deemed that he had denied Larks' Tyler Sibbick an obvious goalscoring opportunity, but manager Steve Riley was convinced at the time that Stags' full-back Liam Hibberd had been covering. Video evidence upheld that view and the club announced this week:

"Following the dismissal of Chris Onoufriou during the league game against Larkhall, Steve Riley and the club decided to appeal against the decision with the assistance of video footage of the incident."

"The club has been informed by the FA that it has successfully appealed the red card. This means Chris is now available for selection against Poole Town next week."

Tottenham will be hoping to salvage some Cup success after bowing out of two knockout competitions this week.

They lost 2-1 to Hereford United in the FA Trophy first qualifying round last Saturday and went down by an identical scoreline at Folland Sports on Tuesday in the Russell Cotes Cup. The pair were honoured for a great October with team boss Bristow named Vanarama Conference South manager-of-the-month and striker Chris Flood voted player-of-the-month.

The awards were to prove more of a curse than an inspiration, however, with table-topping Town unexpectedly losing 2-1 to Chelmsford City, bringing an end to their eight-game unbeaten run. Although Lloyd Macklin took just six minutes to wipe out Jason Williams' 15th-minute opener for Chelmsford, disaster struck for Town in the 53rd minute. City's Michael Cheek was going away from goal just inside the area when he was fouled by Town's ex-Eastleigh midfielder Shaun McAuley. It was a clear penalty and Lee Sawyer made no mistake beating goalkeeper Stuart Moore from 12 yards.

Grimsby Town boss Paul Hurst was named Vanarama Conference Premier manager-of-the-month for October, while the players' prize went to Forest Green Rovers' ex-Salisbury City midfielder Rob Sinclair.



# Saints Spotlight

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Saints finished in the top half after a big improvement in the second half of the season.

Such form saw boss Hoddle quit in late March to take over at Tottenham.

George Burley's Ipswich finished fifth in their first season after promotion via the Championship play-offs.

**Final table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	38	24	8	6	79	31	80
2 Arsenal	38	20	10	8	63	38	70
3 Liverpool	38	20	9	9	71	39	69
4 Leeds	38	20	8	10	64	43	68
5 Ipswich	38	20	6	12	57	42	66
6 Chelsea	38	17	10	11	68	45	61
7 Sunderland	38	15	12	11	46	41	57
8 Aston Villa	38	13	15	10	46	43	54
9 Charlton	38	14	10	14	50	57	52
10 SAINTS	38	14	10	14	40	48	52
11 Newcastle	38	14	9	15	44	50	51
12 Tottenham	38	13	10	15	47	54	49
13 Leicester	38	14	6	18	39	51	48
14 Middlesbrough	38	9	15	14	44	44	42
15 West Ham	38	10	12	16	45	50	42
16 Everton	38	11	9	18	45	59	42
17 Derby	38	10	12	16	37	59	42
18 Man City	38	8	10	20	41	65	34
19 Coventry	38	8	10	20	36	63	34
20 Bradford	38	5	11	22	30	70	26

**2001/02**

Another poor start to a Premier League season had seen Stuart Gray sacked and replaced by Gordon Strachan.

Saints had still to win at their new St Mary's home, their only successes coming on the road at Bolton and Middlesbrough.

November 1, 2001

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Aston Villa	10	6	3	1	17	8	21
2 Leeds	10	5	5	0	13	4	20
3 Arsenal	10	5	4	1	22	9	19
4 Liverpool	9	6	1	2	17	9	19
5 Man United	10	5	3	2	27	17	18
6 Newcastle	10	5	2	3	18	14	17
7 Tottenham	11	5	2	4	18	15	17
8 Chelsea	10	3	6	1	14	10	15
9 Bolton	11	4	3	4	14	14	15
10 Blackburn	11	3	5	3	18	14	14
11 Everton	10	4	2	4	16	15	14
12 West Ham	10	4	2	4	12	19	14
13 Sunderland	11	3	4	4	10	13	13
14 Fulham	10	2	5	3	10	12	11
15 Middlesbrough	11	3	2	6	11	19	11
16 Charlton	10	2	4	4	8	11	10
17 Ipswich	11	1	5	5	12	18	8
18 Derby	10	1	4	5	8	17	7
19 SAINTS	10	2	1	7	9	19	7
20 Leicester	11	1	3	7	6	23	6

Though Leicester couldn't get off bottom spot, Saints managed a big improvement under Strachan and claimed a top half finish after beating lofty Newcastle 3-1 on the final day.

**Final table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	38	26	9	3	79	36	87
2 Liverpool	38	24	8	6	67	30	80
3 Man United	38	24	5	9	87	45	77
4 Newcastle	38	21	8	9	74	52	71
5 Leeds	38	18	12	8	53	37	66
6 Chelsea	38	17	13	8	66	38	64
7 West Ham	38	15	8	15	48	57	53
8 Aston Villa	38	12	14	12	46	47	50
9 Tottenham	38	14	8	16	49	53	50
10 Blackburn	38	12	10	16	55	51	46
11 SAINTS	38	12	9	17	46	54	45
12 Middlesbrough	38	12	9	17	35	47	45
13 Fulham	38	10	14	14	36	44	44
14 Charlton	38	10	14	14	38	49	44
15 Everton	38	11	10	17	45	57	43

November 1, 2002

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Liverpool	11	8	3	0	22	9	27
2 Arsenal	11	7	2	2	26	13	23
3 Chelsea	11	5	4	2	20	12	19
4 Man United	11	5	4	2	14	8	19
5 Tottenham	11	6	1	4	17	16	19
6 Middlesbrough	11	5	3	3	15	8	18
7 Blackburn	11	5	3	3	18	13	18

**Final table**

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man United	38	25	8	5	74	34	83
2 Arsenal	38	23	9	6	85	42	78
3 Newcastle	38	21	6	11	63	48	69
4 Chelsea	38	19	10	9	68	38	67
5 Liverpool	38	18	10	10	61	41	64

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	11	8	3	0	23	9	27
2 Chelsea	11	8	2	1	21	9	26
3 Man United	11	8	1	2	21	6	25
4 Birmingham	10	5	4	1	9	5	19
5 Man City	11	5	3	3	22	12	18
6 Fulham	10	5	3	2	20	13	18
7 Newcastle	11	4	4	3	16	13	16
8 SAINTS	11	4	4	3	10	7	16
9 Charlton	10	4	3	3	14	13	15
10 Liverpool	10	4	2	4	15	11	14
11 Portsmouth	11	3	3	5	11	15	12
12 Tottenham	11	3	3	5	10	14	12
13 Aston Villa	11	2	5	4	9	13	11
14 Middlesbrough	11	3	2	6	9	15	11
15 Bolton	11	2	5	4	9	19	11
16 Everton	11	2	4	5	12	15	10
17 Wolves	11	2	3	6	7	23	9
18 Blackburn	10	2	2	6	15	19	8
19 Leeds	11	2	2	7	10	25	8
20 Leicester	10	1	2	7	14	21	5

# START IS



**GOAL: Graziano Pelle scores against Stoke.**

Saints were becoming harder to beat by the time of Gordon Strachan's first full season in charge, and they had started well.

They had ended October with a 1-0 win at Aston Villa and a 4-2 home victory over Fulham – James Beattie hitting four goals in those two successes.

Thanks to beating Manchester City 1-0 away at Maine Road on the final day of the season – Michael Svensson on target – Saints jumped three places to end a then record eighth in the Premier League.

**2003/04**

Saints made one of their best ever starts to a Premier League campaign, with a home win over Manchester United the highlight.

On November 1, though, they lost 2-0 at home to Manchester City with Robbie Fowler and Paulo Wanchope netting.

November 1, 2003

P W D L F A Pts

Final table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	11	8	3	0	23	9	27
2 Chelsea	11	8	2	1	21	9	26
3 Man United	11	8	1	2	21	6	25
4 Birmingham	10	5	4	1	9	5	19
5 Man City	11	5	3	3	22	12	18
6 Fulham	10	5	3	2	20	13	18
7 Newcastle	11	4	4	3	16	14	16
8 SAINTS	11	4	4	3	10	7	16
9 Charlton	10	4	3	3	14	13	15
10 Liverpool	10	4	2	4	15	11	14
11 Portsmouth	11	3	3	5	11	15	12
12 Tottenham	11	3	3	5	10	14	12
13 Aston Villa	11	2	5	4	9	13	11
14 Middlesbrough	11	3	2	6	9	15	11
15 Bolton	11	2	5	4	9	19	11
16 Everton	11	2	4	5	12	15	10
17 Wolves	11	2	3	6	7	23	9
18 Blackburn	10	2	2	6	15	19	8
19 Leeds	11	2	2	7	10	25	8
20 Leicester	10	1	2	7	14	21	5

Paul Sturrock was in charge when Saints finished the season mid-table.

Arsenal were the champions, so far the only side to go an entire Premier League campaign undefeated.

**FOOTBALL FIXTURES FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: SEE PAGE 41**

# Saints Spotlight

# SAINTS' BEST YET



1 Arsenal 38 26 12 0 73 26 90  
2 Chelsea 38 24 7 7 67 30 79  
3 Manchester 38 23 6 9 64 35 75  
4 Liverpool 38 16 12 10 55 37 60

departure.

Steve Wigley had been surprisingly put in charge.

November 1, 2004

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Arsenal	11	8	2	1	31	12	26
2 Chelsea	11	8	2	1	16	3	26
3 Manchester	11	7	2	2	14	10	23
4 Liverpool	11	6	3	2	18	13	21
5 Newcastle	11	5	3	3	19	14	18
6 Aston Villa	10	5	2	3	18	10	17
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14 Tottenham	10	6	19	47	57	45	45
15 Blackburn	10	8	18	51	59	44	44
16 Man City	10	9	14	15	55	54	41
17 Everton	10	9	12	17	45	57	39
18 Leicester	10	6	15	17	48	65	33
19 Leeds	10	8	9	21	40	79	33
20 Wolves	10	7	12	19	38	77	33

2004/05

Saints were in the drop zone as November 2004 dawned after winning only once in 11 games.

Ironically, that was Paul Sturrock's last match in charge against Blackburn prior to his

Steve Wigley and appointed Harry Redknapp.

But that didn't work either as Saints ended the season bottom of the Premier League.

They only won six out of their 38 games – Ronald Koeman has already managed more wins from 10 games this season!

Final table

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1 Arsenal	11	8	2	1	31	12	26
2 Chelsea	11	8	2	1	16	3	26
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Saints quickly dispensed with

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5 Newcastle	11	5	3	3	19	14	18
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7 Charlton	10	5	1	4	11	9	17
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14 Tottenham	10	6	19	47	57	45	45
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13 Portsmouth	10	9	17	47	54	45	45
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10 Birmingham	10	4	1	3	15	12	15
11 Middlesbrough	10	3	6	2	14	13	15
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13 Portsmouth	10	9	17	47	54	45	45
14 Tottenham	10	6	19	47	57	45	45
15 Blackburn	10	8	18	51	59	44	44
16 Man City	10	9	14	15	55	54	41
17 Everton	10	9	12	17	45	57	39
18 Leicester	10	6	15	17	48	65	33
19 Leeds	10	8	9	21	40	79	33
20 Wolves	10	7	12	19	38	77	33

Saints quickly dispensed with

10 Newcastle	9	3	4	2	11	13	13
11 Swansea	9	3	2	4	14	13	11
12 Liverpool	9	2	4	3	12	14	10
13 Stoke City	9	1	6	2	8	9	9
14 Sunderland	8	1	6	1	6	8	9
15 Wigan	9	2	2	5	10	16	8
16 Norwich	9	1	4	4	7	18	7
17 Aston Villa	9	1	3	5	7	14	6

18 Reading	8	0	4	4	11	17	4
19 SAINTS	9	1	7	14	26	4	4
20 QPR	9	0	3	6	7	18	3

With Mauricio Pochettino arriving at St Mary's in January 2013, Saints ended five points clear of the drop zone.

#### Final table

1 Man United	38	28	5	5	86	43	89
2 Man City	38	23	9	6	66	34	78
3 Chelsea	38	22	9	7	75	39	75
4 Arsenal	38	21	10	7	72	37	73

5 Tottenham	38
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# Saints Spotlight

## Non-league News

### Hythe not wanting a break yet

SCARCELY a winter goes by without Premier League bosses calling for a mid-season break for players to recharge their batteries. But Sydenhams One side Hythe & Dibden have got the opposite problem.

With the second week of November now upon us, the Watersiders' league campaign has barely got started.

Hythe have played just six league matches to date and today was their second successive Saturday standing idle.

Their final return to action at Downton next weekend (November 15) – a full three weeks after winning their last game 3-1 at Romsey Town. "Some of it's down to cup games and we do have an odd number of teams in our league but, in theory, that should only affect us twice a season," said manager Lee Burch, pictured below. "I don't mind having one free Saturday, but not two in a row, especially when the weather's decent. Sooner or later the weather's going change and, when it does, pitches will struggle to deal with it and we'll get games called off."

**New Milton** were also without a fixture and we spoke to them about bringing our game against them forward, but they'd already scheduled for a free day which they're entitled to do."



What with the patchiness of their fixtures and the fact that they are still ground sharing at Blackfield & Langley, Hythe have struggled to build any momentum this term.

But Burch is confident things will change when the doors to their new Clayfields Sports Centre base officially open.

With the floodlights now up and working, Hythe had planned to play their first game at the new ground against US Portsmouth on November 22.

But a fixture alteration means they travel to Andover New Street that day, pushing back the official Clayfields opening to the December 6 visit of Tadley Calleva.

Looking forward to the big day, Burch said: "I live near the ground and drive past it all the time."

"We went back to the new club-house after the Romsey game and just to have a clubhouse of our own again was a really good feeling."

"This season's been stop-start for us, but hopefully it will settle down soon and things will be looking good."

# THE SCIENCE BEHIND

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**CAST your mind back to the London 2012 Olympic Games and you might remember the 'marginal gains' concept that helped underpin Great Britain's incredible dominance in the cycling events.**

Literally everything the athletes did – from how they washed their hands, to what pillow they slept on when travelling – was looked at in great detail.

The idea was that, if you could improve every little bit of your preparation by just one per cent, there could be a significant impact when you added it all together.

Deep inside the striking Markus Liebherr Pavilion at Saints' stunning new training complex, which was unveiled this week, a similar philosophy is in place.

The sports medicine and science department is tasked with keeping the club's players free of injury, and making sure those who do suffer from it get back on the pitch as soon as possible.

In the construction of their state-of-the-art base, it is clear that they have paid enormous attention to detail.

Visits were made to some of the world's leading clubs and sporting institutions to research and develop new ideas, and all of that has been channelled into the incredible area.

Even the lighting, smells and sound in the treatment rooms is manipulated to aid recovery, or stimulate players ahead of training.

Players are surveyed every day on how they have slept, how much water they have drunk, and what their overall mood is. Saliva and blood samples are taken regularly. In short, nothing is overlooked.

"They do questionnaires before and post-training, a whole range of things, so we understand where each player is before training, and that allows us to go and speak to them and do injury prevention things with them," said head of the department, Mo Gimpel.

"The key of successful injury prevention is putting the collective lots of little bits together."

"So if, for example, a player is at home living with a girlfriend and kids and they're all sick, the odds of him getting sick are high."

"You could say 'Ok, let's just leave it to the fates of the gods and see if he gets it and misses

Meet the man who oversees 'marginal gains' for Saints



Saturday', or do something about it."

"We are a club that do something about it."

Gimpel is clearly proud of his department's innovative and forward-thinking approach.

"I think the moment you stop, everyone catches up and passes you," he said.

"It's a very forward-thinking moving club. There's loads of things coming up online, and research is just a small part of the medical science department and validating what they do – making sure that what we think

we're doing, we're doing."

"So we go into the university system and find professors who have very good knowledge in very specific areas."

"We have an army of people to call upon and ask questions and refine and refine and refine what we do to have very few injuries in the past two years – touch wood!"

Gimpel couldn't even go on holiday without trying to discover another little edge that could help the players.

Speaking about the mood lighting, he said: "Once we started

**KEY MAN:** Saints' head of sport science Mo Gimpel and, left, the new look Staplewood.

discussing it and used our psychologists in-house to talk about different ways and different senses that can be stimulated in different ways, I then actually went to Vegas – I was going there on holiday anyway – but I was intrigued and actually started speaking to one of the maintenance guys in the hotel, who must have thought I was an absolute weirdo, because they light the hotels like it's daylight.

"People stay awake because of the lighting. I'm like 'Right, there's something to this lighting.'

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# Saints Spotlight

# SAINTS' SUCCESS



**TOP OF THE RANGE KIT:** Some of the kit available to the sports science department at Saints' Staplewood complex.



"He was telling me all the ins and outs about how they manipulate the lighting at different times of the day, with the rhythm of sleep o f

most people.  
So how does the smell affect the behaviour of the body, or the hormone system? Tiny little things like that.

"Does it make a difference? I don't know.

"But the challenge was every aspect of player care needed to be looked at under the microscope - can we improve it, can we manipulate it?

"In those little rooms, can we manipulate the body to aid recovery, by putting them into a state of recovery?

"If they do a hard training day, can we manipulate it to start to set internally for a hard day's running or football?"

Gimpel added: "Part of my role, in the design of this, was to go round many, many clubs, not just football, but rugby overseas, into Europe and Ireland, and seeing how they put their processes into place and their facilities, and taking good ideas back."

"Some won't work for us, but can we modify it? Some will work for us."

"So us learning from other clubs and being flexible enough to adapt to all situations that we get thrown into, such as a change of manager, new players coming in."

"Being able to very, very quickly get up to speed with what the manager's training loads are and how we're going to manage the players, and prevention of injury, to that training plan."

"That's the key, and there's a huge process that goes on."

Gimpel has been with Saints for more than 15 years now, starting in the academy, becoming first-team physio and eventually becoming sports medicine and science manager.

In that time, he has had to adapt a lot to the methods and knock-on effects of different managers.

"I think there's 19 managers that I've been through, and what that allows me to do is I have to be flexible," he said.

"The reality is Ronald's [Ronald Koeman's] working process I've seen before with other people.

"There's a tweak, every manager's different - some are way out there, and some are way, way out there - but I've come across a lot of different types of training and methodologies of training and the fallout from that sort of training."

"We've got in the department a way of managing Ronald's expectations in terms of managing injury prevention."

Gimpel added: "Ronald is so kind of open-minded and respectful of what's gone on here before that he sits down and he listens to our story."

"He sees the stats and he works with us."

"So, yes, the manager needs to understand what we do, and buy into what we do, and we need to be flexible to understand his needs, because ultimately he is the decision maker, so we can give him all the information in the world to help him make his decisions."

"It's very much a hand in glove scenario. We have to work together."

## Non-league News



### QK plan for the future with school team link

Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior side QK Southampton have announced a link-up with Southampton Schools football.

Mark Sainsbury's side currently sit at the foot of the Senior division with just two wins from 13 games.

But that hasn't stopped QK planning for the future, with intentions of getting promoted to the Wessex ranks.

And as a part of that they have opened their doors to the city's under-14 representative team, meaning they will play all their games at Queens Keep's base in Lordship.

QK director of football, Peter Fowle, believes it's important to welcome the young team to their home.

"It makes sense for us to offer our facilities to the Southampton Schools representative team," he said.

"We are a community club and therefore we look to support and collaborate with other local teams and businesses where we can."

"When we were initially approached by Southampton Schools, we were delighted to be considered as a potential home facility."

"Talking with Peter Hadfield (Southampton Schools coach), it was clear from the outset what expectations there were and so we just needed to put a plan in place to ensure we delivered to those."

"Initially we hosted trial games for the representative team at our facilities, putting in place many of the requirements needed to support competitive games, just to see how we performed and to ensure we met the expectations."

"Based on these successful trials games, Peter Hadfield opted for QK Southampton to be the home for the Southampton Schools U14 team this season."

Over the coming season QK Southampton will host eight home games.



**MARK SAINSBURY**

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## Non-league News

### Hythe and Dibden ace Green says goodbye

HYTHE & Dibden have bid a fond farewell to central midfielder Steve Green.

The former Christchurch, Lymington and Totton & Eling man, played his last game for the Watersiders at Romsey Town two weeks ago before he emigrating to Australia.

Green, pictured, has recently been in the news as the player headbutted by Shaun Dallimore in a Sydenhams One game against Tadley Calleva last year.

Dallimore, 24, was last month found guilty of grievous bodily harm at



**Southampton Crown Court.**  
Green, who was knocked unconscious and suffered a fractured cheekbone in the incident, is now off to start a new life Down Under with his wife Sian.

Thanking Green for his exemplary service to Hythe, team boss Lee Burch said: "Given what's happened with the court case, I thought it would be nice for people to know what a great lad Steve is and how much he's going to be missed."

"He's going to Australia for a year to see how things go. "He got married not long ago and we knew he was planning to do it.

"Steve came to us from Totton & Eling and I signed him early doors when I took over here."

"Since then he's always been one of the first players on the team sheet."

"He's been excellent – not just as a player, but as a friend as well. We wish him all the best."

• Six-pages of non-league news starts on page 24

# £35M REVAMP IS

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**SAINTS** may be at the cutting edge of technology after unveiling their redeveloped Staplewood training ground, but Martin Hunter believes you can still smell and taste the atmosphere they are striving for.

Katharina Liebherr and Ralph Krueger formally opened the new training ground, which has cost £33m with a further £6m to be spent in the final phases of the development.

It is a big outlay for the club but one that stands them in great stead for the future. One of the guiding principles is to keep all players from under-7s through to the first team on the same site.

There are different pitches and different facilities for players as they progress through the system, steadily working their way up the complex towards the plush surroundings enjoyed by the first team stars.

It without doubt creates an aspirational culture at the club and keeps youngsters striving for more.

"It's superb," said Hunter, the club's technical director who had a significant input into the design and features of the complex.

"It fits what you need."

"Some clubs have got bigger facilities but they can become impersonal."

"Some clubs have got split sites but we don't believe in that."

"We've got one site with all our players and there's a smell, you can taste the environment that we've got and that's very important for us."

Saints are utilising the latest in technology and thinking to try and improve their players.

That extends down the age groups.

Soon youngsters will be issued with their own iPads allowing them to access an app that will feature clips of them playing, helping them to stay focused on where they are and what they need to do.

"That's coming along the pipeline, but certainly with the older teams we will use the auditorium pre-game and post-game to talk," explained Hunter.

"We will have targets that as coaches we will set for the teams and then as coaches they will have their own individual targets based on positional things."

"For the younger boys it's more a generic thing."

"There is great detail and great thought in what we do on a daily basis."

He added: "All the games are videoed."

"We have either got gantries or

static cameras and we will be very precise in what we do in terms of filming certain sessions."

"Things that can be used for the under-21s can be used for the younger players and coaches."

"There's a system being developed on an app so players can look at their own footage, at the moment they can look at that on their phones."

"They need to take ownership of their learning because it's not about the coach kicking the ball, it's about the player taking charge of their learning and improve that way."

The centrepiece of the



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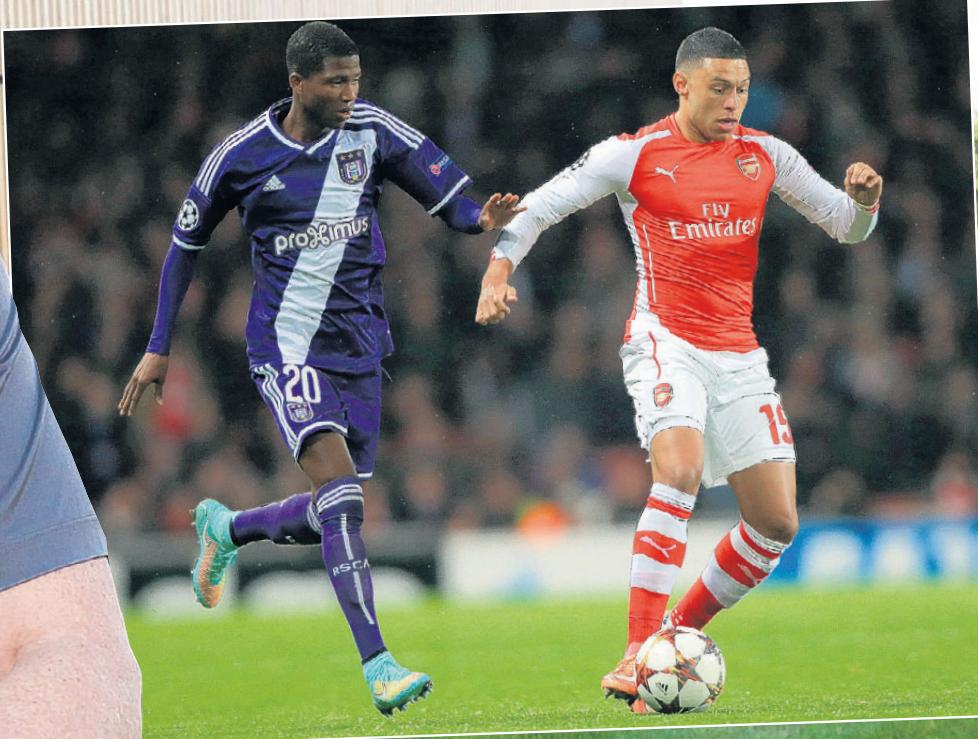
# Saints Spotlight



# JUST THE START...

## Saints' technical director spells out club's blueprint for success

**KEY MAN:** technical director Martin Hunter and below, ex-Saint Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.



Staplewood development is the Markus Liebherr Pavilion, named after the late owner who saved the club from administration and whose vision the new facilities were.

Hunter feels it is vital that Saints have a base such as this as they look to push forward and continue to attract young players to the club.

"They are very important. They are things that we have

been striving for," he admitted.

"Now the Pavilion is finished and we are developing further pitches and further facilities for the younger players.

"When that's up and running we will have state of the art facilities to help us develop the existing players that we've got and the younger players that show great potential and hopefully will come through the system."

"It gives us more ammunition (to attract young players) so they can work in first class facilities and in all areas of the

game, including their education and life skills.

"It's important that we produce a rounded character and a person and not just a talented person."

"The facilities that we've got here will help us and aid us to do that."

Hunter is responsible for overseeing the coaching structure throughout the club and ensuring that the famous Saints supply line of young talent keeps on rolling.

"We work in three phases through the PPP," he explained.

"We have the foundation phase which is the youngest boys, then we have the phase really from 12 upwards which is the youth development phase and then at the upper end we're talking of under-16 players right the way through to the under-21s which is the professional development phase."

"Part of my brief is to link all of those phases and make sure that the coaches are all singing from the same hymn sheet which is important."

"The curriculum that the younger players get is far different from the older players, so for example it might be principles of defending and attacking rather than preaching a system of play."

"With the smaller pitches we will play smaller games on smaller pitches with smaller numbers and therefore more contacts of the ball, and it progresses right the way through up the system."

"There's a pathway not just into the first team but for talented boys to move through the age groups."

"If you look at some of the boys that are early developers they have the potential to play in an older age group."

"If you go back to Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain he spent a year playing a year down because of his physical development."

"We treat everybody as an individual and have certain core elements we will use but the individual is important."

"The player is at the centre of what we do and it's a multi-disciplinary way we attack the development process."

"That development of the individual is a principle Saints have long held as they have become famous for producing not only good players but good people."

It's something Hunter wants to see continue.

"Gareth Southgate mentioned that about the boys that have played in the under-21s – not only are they excellent footballers, they are very strong characters and very grounded and that is very important for us," he said.

"We want players if they leave this football club and can't play at the top level to play at a good level and be good characters, that's part of what we do."

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### Wenger not concerned by Theo call

ARSENAL manager Arsene Wenger is unconcerned by fit-again forward Theo Walcott's immediate recall into the England fold.

The 25-year-old, pictured below, has not started a game for Arsenal since their third-round FA Cup win over local rivals Tottenham on January 4.

A cruciate knee ligament injury left Walcott's World Cup dream in tatters and also meant he missed out on the Gunners' FA Cup success in May, their first trophy for nine years.

He made his long-awaited return as a substitute in last weekend's 3-0 win over Burnley before being named in Roy Hodgson's

England squad for the Euro 2016 qualifier against Slovenia and the friendly in Scotland later this month.

But Wenger is not worrying about whether Walcott will suffer another injury setback and is instead hoping that Hodgson gives him a chance to rack up more minutes as he steps up his comeback.

"Roy Hodgson is free to do what he wants. (Walcott) has been chosen by England and he needs competition," said Wenger.

"He has been out for 10 months – I don't know if you realise how long that is. People think it's like mechanics. They're not machines, they are human beings and to get back into the rhythm of the top, top competition will take time."

"He has had a cruciate injury from an accidental tackle against tackle in January and you can never plan that – it could never happen again."

"That is for sure in our job – every time you have a big injury, there is a bigger chance of having another. Overall he has been taken care of very well. He is now ready to play again and we have to just leave him in peace and give him the needed time to come back."



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## No place in Spain's squad for Chelsea ace Costa

CHELSEA'S Diego Costa has been left out of Spain's squad for their forthcoming fixtures with Belarus and Germany.

The striker's fitness has been one of the talking points of the season – the problematic hamstrings he had at Atletico Madrid still hampering him – and last month club boss Jose Mourinho said he thought his troubles were coming because of his work with Spain.

When asked if he thought Costa, pictured below, was now fit, he said "but he still has to play for the national team in November!" suggesting more trouble could lie ahead.

But Spain coach Vicente del Bosque has overlooked the 25-year-old for next week's fixtures – news which is sure to please Mourinho.



"Costa still has some annoyances," Del Bosque said when announcing his squad through the Spanish national team's official website.

He added, suggesting there were no underlying problems: "He is the first who is willing to be with us."

"Our idea is that all 23 players come to be useful."

Costa's Chelsea teammate Cesc Fabregas is included in the squad, with Manchester United goalkeeper David de Gea and Arsenal's Santi Cazorla the other English-based players.

Spain face Belarus next Saturday, sitting unusually off the top in qualifying group C after defeat to leaders Slovakia. They then face the side which this summer took their world crown, Germany, in a friendly on Tuesday.

Spain squad: Casillas, De Gea, Casilla, Juanfran, Azpilicueta, Ramos, Pique, Albiol, Bartra, Alba, Bernat, Busquets, Camacho, Coke, Cazorla, Fabregas, Callejon, Nolito, Morata, Alcacer, Pedro, Raul Garcia, Isco.

# FLASHBACK TO PAST

**SAINTS** were this weekend welcoming Leicester City to St Mary's. Here, LIAM GARRAHAN looks back at previous league games between the clubs on Southampton soil.

**May 26 1947**  
**Saints 1 Leicester 1**

With both sides languishing in the middle of Division Two, this fixture – played just a few days away from June due to the bad winter weather – had a real 'end of season affair' feel to it.

Jack Bradley gave Saints a first-half lead but Smith equalised in the final ten minutes.

**December 13 1947**  
**Saints 3 Leicester 1**

Leicester were in rich form coming into this match, having won their previous four league away games.

Saints put a stop to that, though, despite going behind to a goal from Adam.

Bill Wrigglesworth levelled before Ted Bates and Eric Day made the points safe.

**October 23 1948**  
**Saints 6 Leicester 0**

Saints registered their biggest league win of the campaign against a below-par Leicester. Charlie Wayman weighed in five goals, his first being his 100th in League football. Ted Bates also scored.

**April 29 1950**  
**Saints 5 Leicester 3**

With the season drawing to a conclusion, Saints needed other results to go their way if they were to achieve promotion. Ted Bates and Charlie Wayman both scored twice with Ernie Stevenson completing the nap hand as Saints finished fourth.

**December 2 1950**  
**Saints 2 Leicester 2**

Saints came from two goals down thanks to goals from Eddy Brown and Ted Bates.

**February 23 1952**  
**Saints 2 Leicester 0**

Walter Judd and Eric Day netted.

**August 30 1952**  
**Saints 5 Leicester 2**

Goals from Eric Day (2), Walter Judd, Jack McDonald and Charlie Purves gave Saints a rare moment of joy in an otherwise miserable campaign that saw them relegated from the Second Division.

**January 14 1967**  
**Saints 4 Leicester 4**

Ron Davies struck a hat-trick in the first top flight home fixture against the Foxes. Martin Chivers was also on target with a header.

**October 14 1967**  
**Saints 1 Leicester 5**

It took Leicester 20 years to register their first post-war win over Saints at The Dell, but they did it in style.

Ron Davies put Saints ahead but Stringfellow's double plus goals from Tewley and Sinclair put the visitors in command.

Future Saints keeper Peter Shilton completed the scoring with a long kick sailing over keeper Campbell Forsyth.

**March 22, 1969** **Saints 1 Leicester 0**  
Ron Davies headed in Terry Paine's free kick



**WINNER:** Stern John lobs the only goal as Nigel Pearson's Saints beat Leicester at St Mary's in March 2008.

for the the only goal against a Leicester side that would be relegated that season.

**March 2 1973**  
**Saints 0 Leicester 0**

Leicester keeper Peter Shilton, who would go on to star for Saints, was in good form in this goalless stalemate.

**March 18 1974**  
**Saints 1 Leicester 0**

Bobby Stokes struck the only goal, but Saints would be relegated from the top flight at the end of the season.

**December 27 1980**  
**Saints 4 Leicester City 0**

Kevin Keegan opened the scoring before Graham Baker (penalty), Charlie George and Steve Moran completed the rout.

All the goals had come within the opening half hour!

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# GAMES WITH FOXES



**WATCHING ON:** Fans crane their necks to get a good view of Saints v Leicester in March 1969.

April 7, 1984

Saints 2 Leicester 2

Gary Lineker twice put the Foxes ahead, with Danny Wallace and Steve Moran levelling.

April 9, 1985

Saints 3 Leicester 1

Saints' win was marred by a broken leg suffered by Danny Wallace.

On target were Kevin Bond, George Lawrence and Joe Jordan, with Steve Lynex replying.

April 12 1986 Saints 0 Leicester 0

March 7, 1987

Saints 4 Leicester City 0

A young Matthew Le Tissier hit a hat-trick in this snow-hit fixture at The Dell. Gordon Hobson was also on target.

May 15, 1995

Saints 2 Leicester 2



**FLASHBACK:** Saints v Leicester, 1970.

Saints, safe for another season, stumbled to a draw against an already relegated Leicester.

Ken Monkou gave Saints the lead and Matt Le Tissier doubled it.

December 13 1997

Saints 2 Leicester 1

A game fondly remembered for providing Francis Benali with his only senior Saints goal. Matt Le Tissier also scored.

May 1 1999

Saints 2 Leicester 1

Chris Marsden equalised for Saints after Ian Marshall put the Foxes ahead.

James Beattie rounded off the scoring in a vital win in a season that will forever be known for the 'Great Escape'.

The win took Saints out of the bottom three for the first time all season, with just two games to spare.

April 29 2000

Saints 1 Leicester 2

Leicester's first win in the league at Southampton in over 30 years came thanks to goals from Tony Cottee and Muzzy Izzet after Hassan Kachoul had opened the scoring.

January 31 2001

Saints 1 Leicester 0

Dan Petrescu made his full debut for Saints and marked it with the winner from a Wayne Bridge free-kick.



**GOAL:** Matt Mills scores for the Foxes in January 2012.

March 16 2002

Saints 2 Leicester 2

Two goals from Brian Deane put Leicester in control, before Marian Zahorskyah scored twice to level.

January 7, 2004

Saints 0 Leicester 0

Saints failed to score against a Leicester side that finished the season relegated.

April 30, 2006

Saints 2 Leicester 0

Ricardo Fuller and Andrew Surman were on target.

December 30 2006

Saints 2 Leicester 0

Goals from Pele and David Prutton helped Saints' play-off push under George Burley.

March 11, 2008

Saints 1 Leicester 0

Stern John scored the only goal as Saints claimed a vital win to help their eventual Championship survival battle, while Leicester were relegated.

January 23, 2012

Saints 0 Leicester 2

Goals from former Pompey striker David Nugent and ex-Saint Matt Mills sealed a Championship win for Nigel Pearson on his first return to St Mary's as an opposing manager.

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## Saints Spotlight

With our country having this year marked the centenary of the start of the First World War, and with Remembrance Sunday taking place this weekend, the Sports Pink delves into the All the Saints book and takes a look back at the impact the conflict had on the club...

**AUGUST 4, 1914, was a defining day in our history, as Great Britain declared war on Germany.**

Despite the seismic nature of this event, however, for the Saints players of the time very little actually changed.

While first-class cricket in England was quickly suspended, the Football League had no intention of following the MCC's suit, insisting that "our great winter game should pursue its natural course".

The Southern League, which housed Saints, followed their lead and, on Wednesday, September 2, the 1914/15 football season kicked off.

A total of 23 players would be used by the club during the campaign, as they earned a sixth-place finish in their division.

The sport's decision-makers had reasoned that, by continuing, they would boost not only the morale of those at home, but also the men in the trenches, who would momentarily have their minds taken off the horror unfolding around them as a result of receiving the football news.

It was also hoped that the matches could be used to encourage donations to the war funds – although with many fans away serving their country, this was not simple.

Additionally, the fact uniformed men were admitted free-of-charge heaped further pressure on clubs' finances, to the point where they could not afford their players' wages, leading to squad members having to accept a reduction in their income.

Still, there was some evidence to suggest the first two points had merit, but, by the end of the season, that argument had been severely chipped away at, and League football was officially halted in July 1915.

That freed up players from Saints to enlist or join the war-time effort on home soil, particularly by working in the shipyards.

Inevitably, the fighting led to the loss of many men associated with the club.

Curiously, though, the first death, three months into the conflict, had nothing to do with the war, as George Mounsey – a centre-half, who made one Southern League appearance for Saints – passed away.

He had received a heavy blow from a ball to the stomach during a reserve fixture at Watford, requiring him to receive artificial respiration, and he died three days later, officially from heart failure.

Mounsey's death had come a full six weeks before the first ex-Saint – some of whom were, of course, already away fighting – died on the Western Front.

That was Fred Costello, who had played for the club from 1907 to 1909 and helped them reach the FA Cup semi-final in his first season, scor-

# SAINTS' GREATEST



**WAR-TIME MEMORIES:** Len Butt (front left), who served with the 5th Hampshire Regiment in India, pictured in Lahore with the battalion's cricketers, which included another former Saint, Cecil Boyes (back left).

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ing twice in the quarters to knock-out holders Everton.

Having finished in football, Private Costello had enlisted at the age of 32, in the Royal Warwickshires, perishing on December 19, 1914, in Belgium. He is commemorated on the Ploegsteert Memorial.

Costello was one of 19 men to have played for Saints who died as a result of the conflict.

Each story is tragic, and all are chronicled in the incredible book, *All the Saints*, produced by the club's official historians and from which the details on this page are sourced.

In among some are tales of tremendous bravery, notably Edward Inkerman Jordan Bell, who made eight first-team appearances for Saints, from 1907 to 1908.

Captain Bell, who played for the 17th Middlesex, also known as the Footballers' Battalion, received a Military Cross award "for conspicuous gallantry" after assuming command from wounded Major Frank Buckley at the Battle of Delville Wood in July 1916.

Bell, who was killed by an enemy shell, near Albert, in 1918, would



**WAR-TIME MEMORIES:** Sergeants pictured relaxing.

later be gazetted a Bar to his Military Cross "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty".

He was not the only ex-Saint to receive the award, with Peter Desbrow, who made a single Western League appearance in 1901, awarded a Military Cross after returning to conduct "distinguished

work" in France and Flanders, despite having been badly gassed in one of the conflict's first gas attacks.

Desbrow would survive the war, dying in Salisbury in 1971, at the age of 89.

He was not the 'longest' survivor, however. That was Len Butt, who

left Saints to serve four years in India with the 5th Hampshire Regiment, before later rejoining the club and living into his 100th year.

Of those killed in action, Cecil Christmas has a particularly notable story, dying on October 7, 1916, in the final phase of the Battle of the Somme, on the same battlefield that a certain Adolf Hitler had been wounded two days previously.

Back home, the football did not completely stop, though, as regional competitions were established, with Saints featuring in three different leagues over the course of four seasons.

Firstly, they competed with six other sides in a South Western Combination, before joining a London Combination in 1916.

They were subsequently kicked out of that, along with all the other provincial teams, after sides in the capital complained about problems with travelling to those opponents.

That led to the creation of the South Hants War League, featuring Saints, Pompey, Cowes, two shipyard sides – Thornicrofts and Harland & Wolff – and two military teams, who were dropped after the 1917/18 season, making it a five-team division.

One of the most bizarre aspects of this league was that Saints often found themselves taking on some of their "own" players, who had

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**WAR-TIME MEMORIES:** The Harland & Wolff shipyard team, featuring Arthur Dominy (front row, third from left).

helped the war effort by joining the shipyards and were, therefore, turning out for their rather formidable sides.

Notably, there was Arthur Dominy – who would make 392 peace-time appearances for Southampton and score 155 goals – but for two seasons was playing against them as a key man in the Harland & Wolff side.

So strong were these teams that, in each campaign, Saints finished below both Thornycroft and Harland & Wolff.

Having honed his skills, Dominy, who could have ranked alongside Terry Paine and Mick Channon in the 550-appearance category for Saints had war not broken out, would return to the club after the conflict ended to establish a brilliant strike partnership with Bill Rawlings, who had served with the Wessex Field Ambulance.

In fact, Saints actually emerged from the First World War with a stronger team, thanks in part to the quality of players who had come to the city to work in the shipyards and who were signed after the conflict.

There were others who also developed as players despite the war, such as Bert Shelley, who, encouraged by his older brother, actually enlisted at 15, serving with the Hampshire Territorials in India, where he was a member of

## THE FALLEN – where 19 ex-Saints died in the First World War

### Belgium 19 Dec 1914

Frederick Costello Royal Warwickshire Regiment

### France

25 Jan 1915  
26 Nov 1915  
12 Sep 1916  
7 Oct 1916  
18 Nov 1916  
2 May 1917  
3 May 1917  
5 Nov 1917  
20 Nov 1917  
24 Mar 1918

Arthur Herbert Coleman Royal Fusiliers  
Harold Walley Bamford King's Shropshire Light Infantry  
William Durham Hampshire Regiment  
Edwin Cecil Russell Christmas King's Royal Rifles  
William John Gray Seaforth Highlanders  
Wilfred Toman King's (Liverpool Regiment)  
William George Royal Sussex Regiment  
Harry Hunter Royal Flying Corps  
Tom Hargreaves Machine Gun Corps  
Edward Inkerman Jordan Bell Middlesex Regiment

### Gaza 21 Aug 1917

Owen Richard Thomas Welsh Horse Yeomanry

### East Africa 23 May 1917

William Crabb Army Service Corps

### Italy

2 Jan 1918  
10 Feb 1915  
24 Nov 1918

Frederick William Wheeler Royal Engineers

### At sea

Albert Hartshorne South Staffordshire Regiment  
John Robert Sibley Mercantile Marine

### At 'home'

2 Jun 1915  
7 Dec 1915  
30 Apr 1917

Walter Robert Fairgrieve Royal Scots Regiment  
Charles George Ireland Hampshire Regiment  
Harrison Eke Royal Fusiliers

A 15-year-old Bert Shelley, who would become Saints' record appearance holder for some time, following his enlistment.



the battalion side, before winning the Divisional Cup in Egypt, with the 1st/4th Wiltshires in 1918.

That may have delayed his football career, but he would return home, where he was soon spotted by Saints, going on to make 465 appearances for the club – a record that stood until Tommy Traynor surpassed it in the 1960s.

Outside of those who were tragically killed, arguably the biggest impact the war had on Saints came when a young sergeant was posted to a rest camp in Norfolk, in 1917.

The Royal Engineer never played for Saints, but was a former Bolton and Leeds player.

While recuperating, he would meet and marry a young local woman, before having a son together.

In 1935, that lad would come to the attention of the Norwich manager, Tom Parker, who had been one of Saints' finest ever full-backs.

Two years later, Parker would head back to The Dell as manager, and take the sergeant's son with him.

The sergeant? W.E. Bates.

His son? Well, that was a certain individual named Ted...

*All the Saints: A Complete Players' Who's Who of Southampton FC* profiles every single one of the thousand-plus men to have played for the club, and can be purchased, along with Hagiology Publishing's other works, by visiting [hagiologists.com](http://hagiologists.com)

## Memory stirred

SAINTS' official historians recently held an enlightening talk on 'Southampton FC and the First World War'.

David Bull, Duncan Holley and Gary Chalk spoke at the Winchester Discovery Centre, giving an insight into the effect of the conflict on the club and its players.

The talk was also attended by three of the 1976 FA Cup-winning squad – Hugh Fisher, Jim Steele, pictured below, and Paul Bennett.

The trio signed copies of the historians' latest publication, All the Saints, which profiles all the players ever to have featured for the club, and of which details are being continuously updated with the help of several military sources, most recently the Hampshire Regiment Museum.

The book includes a hugely detailed pre-war section, as well as a war-time one, in which many fascinating, not to mention moving, stories are found.

Bull said: "One of the longest periods of the evening almost was the number of people who stayed to talk afterwards, and it was like a meeting of Southampton Football Club's community."

"The whole evening made me feel that I belong to a community club."

Fisher added: "It was a great evening. It was a really interesting talk."



**FLASHBACK:** A young Ted Bates, front right, pictured with his father, W.E. Bates, his mother, Eva, and sister, Betty.



# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Robinson in new role

**DEPARTED** Winchester City co-boss Danny Robinson has pitched up with a club closer to his Berkshire home.

The 28-year-old has taken joint charge of Hellenic Premier outfit Newbury, working alongside first-team boss Callum Willmott and coach Martyn Benson.

Robinson, along with Tim Cole, led Alresford Town to seven trophies and two Sydenham Premier runners-up spots before joining Winchester during the summer.

But the pair quit just over a fortnight ago after differences of opinion with City's director of football Dave Malone over player recruitment.

"I've been managing since I was 21 and this is my first job locally," said Robinson.

"I look at Newbury and see masses of potential."

"I'm part of a very young management team. Callum is only 24 and he's a player-manager."

"He's actually one of the best players in this area and I tried to get him down to Winchester in pre-season. Now he's the one who's persuaded me to see the season out at Newbury."

"I could maybe have done with a rest after leaving Winchester or taken a bit more time to see what jobs are out there, but I'm football mad – it's the reason I get out of bed in the morning – and I wanted to get on and do something sooner rather than later."

"I've been quite successful so far and I still feel I've got so much to give."

"Newbury's on my doorstep and it's a good chance to work with players in and around this area which I haven't done before."

The newly appointed co-manager has been followed into the club by two former Alresford players, goalkeeper Chris Waller and midfielder Chris Morris.

Also new in at Faraday Road is centre-back Mark James who signed for Winchester from Wantage Town during the summer but left without playing a game due to long-term injury.



## Malone hits out at faceless internet critics after defeat

**DAVE Malone has described the expectation heaped on Winchester City as "ridiculous", writes WENDY GEE.**

When City bowed out of the FA Vase 3-0 at home to Horndean last Saturday, it wasn't long before a new thread entitled "The NEW ERA didn't last very long!!!" appeared on the unofficial club message board.

That was a cutting reference to City's first defeat under new manager Paul Masters, who had taken charge a week earlier following the twin resignations of Tim Cole and Danny Robinson.

Hitting back at those gloating critics who now predict City will win nothing this season, Malone said: "The expectations are ridiculous."

"People go on about the money we're throwing at it, but no way have we got the highest budget in this league."

"Working within those confines, we've got together a good set of players and it's up to the manager now to put it all together."

Although Malone disputes much of the criticism thrown Winchester's way, he accepts it comes with the territory.

"We propagate it to a degree and then you get all the hype that goes with it," he said.

"When we lose a game, of course there are people who are pleased about it, but that's the pressure we are under."

"It's Paul (Masters) who has to live with that, not me."

"For me it's water off a duck's back."

"It always amazes me though that these faceless wonders on the internet have never got the guts to put their names to their comments."

"We don't edit the message board and we don't stop anyone writing on there, because I'm all for free speech."

"But I wish these people had

the balls to say who they are."

"In all my years in football I don't think I've had one person come up to me and tell me their opinion face to face."

Although City enjoyed the bulk of the possession against Horndean, it was the visitors who carried the cutting edge as goals by Mark Smith, Gary Austin and substitute Harry Potter stunned the 2004 Vase winners.

Giving Horndean their due, Malone said: "We were absolutely gutted, but the saving grace is that Horndean thoroughly deserved to win and there was no hard luck story."

"I'd hoped we'd go a long way in the Vase, but I'm a realist and I know full well you can't put your house on winning any cup competition."

"We've got new players in there, which will take a bit of time, but we're not a million miles off it."

"Now we'll see what we've made of."

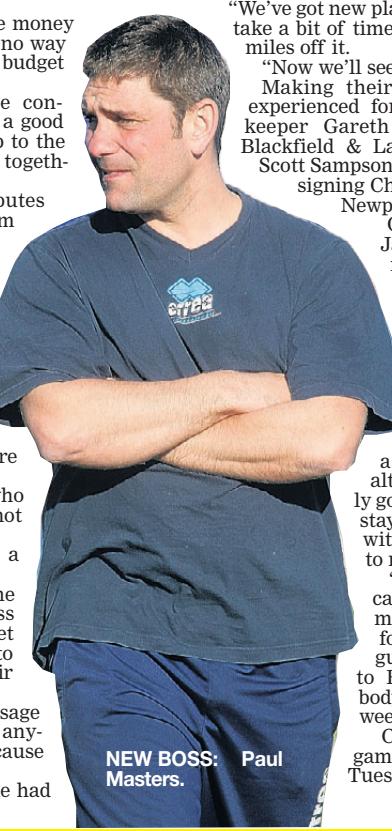
Making their debuts for City were experienced former AFC Totton goalkeeper Gareth Barfoot, signed from Blackfield & Langley, and centre-back Scott Sampson who has followed recent signing Charlie Smeeton over from Newport IoW.

On the debit side, keeper Jason Collins is heading for Hamworthy United while experienced midfielder Liam Green has signed for Blackfield.

Discussing the departures, team boss Masters said: "I told both keepers – Jason and Ross Casey – that Gareth wasn't joining as our number two, although Gareth's obviously got to keep up standards to stay in the side. Ross is still with us, but Jason decided to move closer to home."

"As for Liam Green, he came and saw me and told me he wanted to play more football which I couldn't guarantee him. He's gone to Blackfield to see if his body will allow him to play week in, week out."

City's scheduled league game at Fareham Town on Tuesday was rained off.



NEW BOSS: Paul Masters.



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chairman Dave Malone.



## Robbo determined to take his chance

EX-SAINT Andy Robinson is determined to make the most of the chance he has been given by Dorchester Town.

The Bournemouth-born midfielder was snapped up on non-contract terms by Magpies' boss Graham Kemp last month.

He is looking to get more game time under his belt following an unsettled summer which saw him leave Bolton Wanderers just three weeks after completing a move from St Mary's.

Robinson still harbours ambitions of playing higher, but for now the 22-year-old is fully focused on helping Dorchester's cause in the Southern Premier Division.

"It's a bit different to what I'm used to, but I'm really enjoying it," he said.

"Everyone has been really nice and a couple of the lads have got similar stories to me. They have come from clubs where things didn't go right for them."

"I moved up north in the summer, but that didn't quite go to plan. I tried some

other clubs and nothing worked out for me for various reasons."

Robinson joined Southampton aged eight, starting out as a centre-back before moving into midfield.

He made just one first-team appearance for Saints and, having moved to Bolton on loan in March, looked set to start this season with the Trotters.

However, he failed to settle at the Championship club and returned down south in July.

Although things didn't quite work out for him at St Mary's or the Macron Stadium, Robinson remains ambitious.

"I've been through some tough times, but I have belief in my own ability," he said.

"I just need to get a run of games together and feel good about myself again."

Dorchester dropped to 19th in the Southern Premier on Tuesday, beaten 1-0 at Histon.

## Non-league News

### Bashley boss steps down

GRAHAM Speechley-Price has stood down as manager of struggling Southern One South & West outfit Bashley. Former reserve team boss Martin Spiers has taken over the reins on an interim basis, while Andy Howard runs the second string. Speechley-Price (pictured) is stepping away from team responsibilities to focus on commercial matters at Bashley Road.



Spiers initially took up first-team duties after Speechley-Price's former co-manager Andy Darnton left the club last month. He will run the team while Bashley continue their quest to find a manager who can "bring finance and players into the club."

Angela Speechley-Price, the club chairman, said: "Martin will be able to call on Graham if the need arises, but will take complete control of team matters until a full-time manager is appointed."

Bashley, who have appointed Steve Jones as club treasurer, invite applications for the manager's job and also the post of club secretary. Email [chairman@bashleyfc.com](mailto:chairman@bashleyfc.com).

### Woods signs

AFC PORTCHESTER have re-signed local hero Simon Woods from neighbours Fareham Town.

Woods, a firm fans' favourite at Wicor Rec, made the short journey down the A27 to the Creeksiders earlier this season, scoring twice in 13 appearances.

But when the chance came to return to his first love Portchester, the pacy frontrunner jumped at it.

"I couldn't resist the temptation to come back to the club I belong to," he smiled.

Ex-Winchester, Follands and Blackfield targetman Jamie Musselwhite plundered both goals for Portchester in their 2-1 FA Vase win over Reading Town last Saturday. The Royals now make the short journey to Sydenhams One outfit United Services Portsmouth in the second round on November 22.

The Victory Stadium crew steered through their Vase test 3-1 against Ringwood Town at Long Lane, guided by Michael Dark's hat-trick.

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### Newport swoop for Colson

**NEWPORT IoW** have responded to a double raid from Winchester City by welcoming a new player into the ranks.

Having seen Charlie Smeeton and Scott Sampson join Sydenhams Premier title rivals City, Port have swooped for highly-rated former Portsmouth Academy player George Colson (pictured).

Cowes-born Colson, 21, had loan spells with Dorchester Town and Bashley while on the books at Fratton Park and is a former Wales youth international.

Manager Steve Brougham, who handed the newcomer a debut in last Saturday's 2-0 FA Vase win at Hook Norton, said: "George is only a young lad.

**He will bring energy to the squad, which is what we need. "He is a versatile player and can play at right-back but also in midfield. "He's going to be a great addition to the team."**

**Goals by Scott Jones – a stunning overhead kick – and Tom McInnes were enough to see Newport through at Hook Norton. The Islanders' reward is a home tie against Sussex County Division Two side Loxwood on Saturday, November 22.**

**On Tuesday Brougham's men recovered from 2-0 down to beat rock-bottom Totton & Eling 4-2 in the Sydenhams Premier through Tom Scovell, Aiden Sainsbury, Matt Evans and an own goal.**

**T&E, still looking for that elusive first league win of the season, had led through Steve Jenkin (13 mins) and Adam Lowther (47).**



## Gillespie tipped to make instant impact

POOLE Town boss Tom Killick predicted striker Richard Gillespie would be in shape to make an "immediate impact" should he return to Poole Town later this month.

Gillespie has already indicated to Killick that he would rejoin the Dolphins next week after spending the past few months in Australia on a work placement.

The free-scoring former Bashley, Eastleigh and AFC Totton frontman netted 15 goals

in 13 starts during an injury-ravaged debut season for the Southern Premier high-fliers before he headed Down Under in May.

Killick said: "We have been in touch with him and are very much hoping to reach an agreement so he returns and is available to play in the FA Trophy next week.

"He has been playing five-a-side in Australia so has been keeping himself fit.

"He is a modern type of player and is very fitness orientated.

"I wouldn't anticipate too many problems with his fitness, albeit he would need to get some games under his belt before he was fully up to speed.

"But I think he is the sort of person who could make an immediate impact.

"He is a goalscorer and, the way he plays, I don't think he would need to be 100 per cent fit before he could make an impact for us."



RICHARD GILLESPIE

# POOLE FETCH SPETCH TO BOOST BACK FOUR

**POOLE Town have re-signed defender Will Spetch from Sutton United, writes WENDY GEE.**

The 22-year-old has returned to Tatnall non-contract following the termination of his full-time deal at Paul Doswell's Conference South charges.

The left-sided centre-half shot to prominence at Poole when he trialled for AFC Bournemouth and several other Football League clubs before embarking on what proved to be an injury-plagued spell with the Us from March.

Admitting the opportunity to re-sign Spetch was too good to turn down, Poole boss Tom Killick said: "I think it's widely acknowledged that Will is one of the best, if not the best, defenders in this league and if you get the opportunity to sign someone of his calibre then you've got for it.

"He is a really versatile player who can slot in anywhere across the back or do a job in defensive midfield."

Admitting there was also a "personal element" to re-signing Spetch, Killick added: "I have a lot of affection for Will, the same as he has for the club.

"I wanted Will back and he wanted to be here.

"The financial agreement is relatively modest and, when you have the opportunity to improve your team with such quality, you have to be keen to take it."

Poole have not renewed winger Mike Gosney's loan from Gospot Borough, but they hope to have ex-Eastleigh and Totton striker Richard Gillespie back soon from a work assignment in Australia.

Killick, meanwhile, admitted Poole had benefitted from a "fortunate" game-changing decision in their 3-1 FA Trophy first qualifying round win over North Leigh last Saturday.

With the tie finely balanced 1-1



RETURN: Will Spetch has re-signed for Poole Town

after Luke Roberts' clipped finish had been cancelled by North Leigh's Kieran Sanders, Poole were controversially awarded a penalty when defender Jon Else was adjudged to have handled.

Portsmouth loanee Jack Maloney made it 2-1 from the spot before Mark Jermyn's volley sealed Poole's victory.

There was still time for Maloney

to have a second penalty saved following an incident that had seen North Leigh's Zak Westlake dismissed for a professional foul.

Admitting his side had "got lucky" with the first penalty decision, Killick said: "It bounced up and hit their defender round the top of his arm, near his chest.

"We had a few players near the incident who didn't appeal for a

penalty. It was quite unusual.

"North Leigh's bench were incensed and you could see why. It was a big turning point."

Poole's reward is a trip to Southern Premier rivals Biggleswade Town next Saturday (November 15).

This Tuesday (November 11) they visit AFC Totton in the Red Insure Cup.

# Non-league Football



# DAN GETS HIS MAN

## FOLLAND Sports boss Danny Bowers has finally got his man.

He tried and failed to sign muscular marksman Nathan Lynch from AFC Portchester during the summer, eventually losing out to Southern League neighbours Sholing, writes WENDY GEE.

But Bowers' patience was rewarded this week when former Winchester, Gosport and Blackfield forward Lynch agreed to become a Planemaker.

Welcoming the new man to Follands Park, Bowers (pictured below) said: "I really like Nathan.

"I tried to sign him in the summer and it didn't come about, but I'm really pleased to have got him.

"He can bring some good qualities to our side.

"Nathan's not played for me before, but he was at Gosport when I was there and a few of our lads know him well.

"He's a proven goalscorer at this level and he'll give us extra depth in attack with Ryan Long's work commitments ruling him out of midweek games."

The added bonus of signing Lynch is that he is not cup-tied for the FA Vase.

The Planemakers hope for a decent run in that competition after landing a home draw as reward for last Saturday's hard-earned 2-1 win over Sherborne Town.

But having done his homework on second round visitors AFC St Austell, Bowers will take nothing for granted against the Cornishmen at Follands Park on November 22.

"I wouldn't have wanted to draw St Austell away, that's for sure!" he smiled. "A home tie was important to us, but it's going to be tough.

"I did my homework on them as soon as the draw was made and they've won their last 11 games.

"They're third in their league (the South West Peninsula) at the moment and their top scorer has 25 goals.

"It's a long way for them to come on a Saturday morning, so it wouldn't surprise me if they come up the night before, but are they a club who can afford to do that?"

Cup success is often more about resilience than free-flowing football and, if that's the case, Follands have shown they are up to the job.



By Bowers' own admission, the Sherborne game wasn't one for the purists, but the Planemakers managed to battle through.

"We'd expected Sherborne to be a hard-working, physical side from the Toolstation Western League – and they were," said the boss. "It wasn't a great advert for football but, credit to them, they didn't let us play.

"Our first goal was a good one played all on the floor with Matt Burt finding Ryan Long who played a one-two with Jamie Barron who hit it into the bottom corner.

"But the game didn't settle down as I thought it would and it was all a bit huff and puff."

Sherborne replied from the penalty spot after a controversial handball award against Burt, but Follands got their noses in front again when Calum Brockway floated the ball into the box from the left. Burt went to head it and missed, but somehow it evaded everyone and found its way into the top corner.

There was still time for the visitors to get another penalty, this time for a clear foul by Ryan Fuller, but goalkeeper Ryan Gosney dived the right way and saved it.

Gosney was beaten by the first penalty but he'd already made three point-blank saves in quick succession and I knew he'd save the second one," said Bowers. "He's such a good keeper and sometimes you take it for granted just how good he is. Our goalkeeping coach Reggie Palmer said to me afterwards that it was the best he'd seen him play."

Goals by Barron and Burt put paid to higher league AFC Totton 2-1 in the Russell Cotes Cup on Tuesday.

Follands are due to host Southern League neighbours Sholing in the second round on November 18.



TARGET MAN:  
Nathan Lynch.

## Non-league News

### Brett powers Tadley to the top position

BRETT Denham made it 19 goals in 11 Wessex appearances as Tadley Calleva powered to the Sydenhams One summit last weekend.

The Barlows Park outfit claimed top spot with a 3-1 victory at New Milton Town. Jason Kingston gave the visitors the lead on 14 minutes when his shot from the edge of the area slipped through the goalkeeper's hands.

The New Forest hosts levelled with a Rob Woolner free-kick three minutes later, but Tadley made the most of their chances in the second half.

The breakthrough came with 15 minutes remaining when the deadly Denham (pictured) took advantage of a defensive mix-up.



New Milton pressed for an equaliser but were unable to find one and the visitors hit them on the break.

Inevitably it was Denham, easily Wessex One's leading marksman, who turned the screw, crowning unbeaten Tadley's seventh win in eight league games.

Denham later tweeted: "Love winning and love scoring  
#TopOfTheLeague! IWantThe GoldenBoot@tadleycalleva-fafc"

### RACE FOR THE SYDENHAMS ONE GOLDEN BOOT:

19 – Brett Denham (Tadley Calleva)

11 – Jesse Waller-Lassen (Team Solent)

9 – Michael Dark (US Portsmouth), Kabba Jack (New Milton)

8 – Jordan Browne (Cowes Sports), Callum Coker (US Portsmouth)

7 – Sam Knowles (Fleet Spurs)

# Non-league Football

## Non-league News

### Oilers look to Alresford benchmark

**FAWLEY AFC** are using Alresford Town as their benchmark as they plot steady progress up the Sydenhams Premier Division. After modest beginnings under former managers Tim Cole and Danny Robinson, Alresford went from strength to strength over their six seasons in charge, transforming from relegation strugglers to two-time Wessex Premier runners-up. They won seven trophies along the way – one Hampshire FA Senior Cup, two Sydenhams League Cups, three North Hants Senior Cups and the Aldershot Senior Cup – and proved that, even without money, patience and team spirit can go a long, long way.

Fawley themselves flirted with relegation last season but, with five league wins and two draws already under their belts this term, there are signs that mid-table respectability could be beckoning in the not too distant future.

"There's a long way to go but if we could finish halfway this season and keep the lads together, that would be progress," said co-boss Richie Coxall.

"We've got an honest bunch of lads here – too honest at times and a bit naive – but I can't complain.

"We're a local side with local players and we don't pay money and never will do.

"Alresford are a benchmark for us.

"The first goal is to get out of the bottom third and compete in the middle and then, with two or three years' experience behind us, who knows where we could be.

"The important thing for me is that, apart from the 8-2 against Newport IoW, we've competed in every game and given ourselves the chance of picking up at least a point."

New in for the Oilers are midfielder Darren Hartmann, signed from neighbours Blackfield & Langley, and former Petersfield army striker Zac Willis.



# TOTTEN HELPED TO MAKE ME SAY CHERRIES STAR

**RISING Cherries star Baily Cargill has credited his loan spell at AFC Totton with helping to make him the player he has become, writes WENDY GEE.**

The 19-year-old centre-back, elevated to AFC Bournemouth's first team this season, recently signed a fresh two-and-a-half-year deal following a string of excellent displays in the League Cup.

And the crowning glory came this week when he earned his first call-up to the England under-20s squad to face Canada and Portugal during the international break.

Cargill's new Cherries contract is his third in 16 months and is another step in the right direction for the talented teenager, who spent time on loan with Steve Riley's Southern League charges Totton two seasons ago, picking up the fans' player-of-the-year award.

That temporary spell was followed by stints at Welling and Torquay – the latter being Cargill's first experience of the Football League.

Appreciating the value of those loan spells, the former Southampton and Leicester youngster said: "The moves to Totton, Welling and Torquay helped me gain experience and took me to where I am now, so I am really grateful for what those clubs did for me.

"In my short career so far I have made little steps up.

"I started off at Totton, made the step up to Welling and then Torquay and I think I handled those moves fairly well.

"The way I have been fed into

football has been pretty steady and my progression has been pretty steady as well.

"I haven't been one of those lads that has burst on the scene, I've had to work for it and bide my time and, hopefully, I have taken my chances.

"I would not change anything about how it has gone.

"If I could give any advice to people that are in the position I was in two years ago, it would be to go out on loan and work hard because then you get opportunities to get where you want to be."

The England under-20s' game against Canada is of particular note to Cherries fans as it takes place at Dean Court on Wednesday at 7.45pm.

Cargill told Cherries' official website: "It's a massive moment for me and my family and everyone that has helped me to get where I am today.

"What an honour it is to be called up for England – I just can't believe it.

"We trained as normal and the gaffer came over. I thought he was going to give me some positive criticism and then he told me I had been called up.

"I could get to play at Dean Court in an England shirt which would be even better, but just to be recognised and involved is amazing.

"This just proves that if you work hard, you get your reward. This is going to make me work even harder, because I want more."

In addition to the Canada fixture, England under-20s face Portugal in Coimbra on Monday, November 17.



**RISING STAR:** Baily Cargill in action for AFC Bournemouth against West Bromwich Albion.

## McCarthy learning to deal with hard knocks

**DECLAN McCarthy**, son of former Winchester City owner Paul, is learning to cope with the hard knocks of senior men's football with Lymington Town.

Formerly on AFC Bournemouth's books, McCarthy is now part of the youth set-up at Havant & Waterlooville.

He is not yet ready for the physicality of the Conference South and is toughening up his game in the Sydenhams Premier Division with Lymington.

"Declan's a good little player who we're trying to blood into men's football," Linnets boss John Pyatt explained.

"We've been playing him wide right and he's a young lad with an abundance of talent.

"He's got really good feet and some of his play is very intricate, which is good to watch.

"He needs to beef himself up a bit and get used to the hustle and bustle of the men's game.

"Long-term I can see him being an attacking midfielder or maybe he will play off the main striker."

With dual-signed Eastleigh duo Tony Lee and Harrison Weeks having returned to their parent club and Gosport Borough loanee Jack Odam stepping back into the Southern League with Dorchester, Pyatt has been quick to bolster his squad.

Along with McCarthy, he has signed former Team Solent, AFC Totton and Blackfield & Langley wideman/striker Manny Soetan who scored a stunning free kick in last Saturday's 2-1 home win over Fawley – his fourth goal in three games.

"On his day Manny's one of the most talented players in the

league," said Pyatt.

"He's a colourful character and with Manny it's all about keeping him interested and playing with a smile on his face.

"He's so laid-back that you wonder what he's thinking sometimes. But all of a sudden it clicks and he's brilliant. He hit a superb free-kick from outside the box against Fawley which went in off the near post. Manny's a good boy, too, with good banter."

Reserve team managers Pete Plowman and Nick Hurford, meanwhile, are doing a sterling job sending young talent Pyatt's way.

"We've got some good lads in the reserves and a fair bit of talent coming through," said the boss.

"Nick Hurford's son Pete, a striker, is doing well and young Jake Bockhart is now a regular in the side playing wide left."

"We've also got midfielder Jon Huggins, defender Dan Fairhurst and Rhys Jones who can play on either flank.

"Pete and Nick are doing a good job with the reserves and are ever willing to bring young lads through. They're all local lads too."

Town extended their unbeaten league run to five games on Tuesday with a 2-1 home win over Verwood.

Charlie Gajic put the visitors ahead on the hour, but back bounced Lymington through Soetan and a Warren Kenna penalty.

But it wasn't all good news for manager Pyatt. Soetan could be out for a couple of weeks after being caught on the thigh when winning the penalty and Luke Answell (straight red) and goalkeeper Stuart Williamson (two yellows) were among three dismissals.

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## Non-league Football

# SELF-EMPLOYMENT IS JUST THE JOB...

**DAVE Diaper believes working for yourself is a major plus when it comes to running a non-League team, writes WENDY GEE.**

As managing director of BSA Regal Electrical Services, Diaper had the flexibility to balance work and business commitments during 14 successful years as Sholing boss which culminated in May's FA Vase triumph at Wembley.

And that, along with having control of the playing budget in his dual role as chairman, gave him a huge advantage over his recently departed successors Mick Marsh and Dave Fear.

With Wembley seemingly the last stop on his managerial journey, Diaper moved upstairs as director of football over the summer, handing the team reins to trusty coach Marsh and successful reserve team boss Fear.

But it proved something of a poisoned chalice for the two long-serving clubmen who won just three and drew five of 15 league games in charge before Diaper reclaimed control last week.

In his first game back at the helm, Diaper oversaw a morale-boosting 1-0 FA Trophy win over Tiverton Town.

But though delighted with the performance, he was gutted to have learned that morning that Fear would be following Marsh out of the Portsmouth Road door.

Reflecting on a dramatic week of change at the Silverlake Arena, he said: "Dave and Mick are both guys I think a lot of. It's been a fragile situation and only time will tell."

"The club itself is going through a transitional period and it was always going to be hard work for any manager taking over.

"Mick has a demanding job outside football and was finding it increasingly difficult to fulfil his duties as manager.

"I just think that the most successful managers are the ones who work for themselves.

"The amount of work that's needed to run a side is massive, especially in the Southern League, and if you're working for someone else your time is very limited.

"To be a successful manager at this level you have to be very committed, but you need the time to be able to do that."

"I get on the phone speaking to people like Alex Pike at Gosport, but I do it in my lunch break or I get into work at seven in the morning to compensate. But I'm my own boss and not everyone's in a position to do that."

Diaper himself will not have quite as much time to devote to the job this time round, which is where the appointment of former Totton & Eling boss Stuart Hussey as assistant manager comes in handy.

"I've got certain business commitments coming up and I will need to delegate more, but that's healthy," he said. "Stu has got experience at management level and he can also do the coaching."

"When Mick and Dave were managing, it wasn't a case of me looking over their shoulder all the time.

"But being chairman of the club, I still have opinions and it's difficult to leave it alone.

"The only way I could do that would be to leave the club com-



Dave Diaper with the FA Vase

pletely. But if you live and die football and it's in the bones, it's very hard to walk away."

The break-up of the FA Vase-winning team, allied to rotten luck with injuries, made life particularly tough for Marsh and Fear who had the added challenge of moving back up from the Wessex to the Southern League.

A major squad rebuilding job is called for and Diaper feels he is best



## Non-league News

### Cuss praise for makeshift defence

STEVE Cuss heaped praise on Wimborne Town's patched-up backline after last Saturday's surprise 3-1 FA Trophy win at Dorchester Town.

The Southern One South & West underdogs secured £2,700 in prize money thanks to Matt Kemble's first-half strike and a well-taken brace by prolific former Winchester and Bashley marksman Mark Gamble.



Polished football was at a premium, but Wimborne boss Cuss (pictured) was delighted to see his makeshift defence keep Town's higher-ranked Southern Premier opponents at bay.

Praising versatile man-of-the-match Billy Maybury, Cuss said: "The luxury with Billy is that he can play anywhere across the back or in central midfield.

"He played at centre-half in a younger age-group during his time at AFC Bournemouth and we have been waiting for him to get that physicality to play there in senior football. He looks ready now, which is a real plus for us.



"Billy (pictured) was outstanding, but I also have to give a special mention to Tom Biles and Max Brimson. All three came in with a couple of players unavailable and stuck to their task really well."

On Gamble's contribution, Cuss added: "Mark has had ankle problems all season and it has affected his ability to train some weeks, but his quality was there for all to see. You don't have to create ten or 12 chances when you have Mark around. Even with one or two you stand a good chance of scoring. He was clinical."

Wimborne have landed a favourable home tie in second qualifying round. Cuss's Magpies will entertain mid-table Southern One Central side Northwood next Saturday with £3,250 up for grabs.

## Whitchurch stay in top spot

WHITCHURCH United held onto top spot in the Sydenham Premier Division after twice coming from behind to claim a 2-2 draw at Bemerton Heath Harlequins on Tuesday.

The Jam Boys trailed to an Aaron Cook goal at half-time but Ryan Lambert got forward from right-back to level early in the second period.

The visitors spurned a great chance to go ahead when Lerone Plummer saw his spot-kick saved. Bemerton regained the lead through Neil Williams, but Whitchurch refused to lie down and secured a point on 82 minutes when Jack McCarthy fired home from an acute angle.

Carl Bennett's men had returned to the summit by winning 1-0 at Brockenhurst last Saturday.

The game was heading for a goalless

draw when ex-Romsey Town striker Danny Phillips punished Brock for switching off from a stoppage-time corner.

It was a painful result for Brock boss Pat McManus who felt that, if any side had deserved to win it, it was his.

"I'm disappointed, not because of the way we played but because we should have walked away with all three points," he lamented. "Even their manager said it was a smash 'n' grab raid."

"We dominated but were denied by a combination of good goalkeeping and poor finishing.

"Coxy (Danny Cox) hit the post, but our goalkeeper Rory Anderson didn't have a save to make all game.

"Unfortunately we switched off in the last minute. A corner was headed back across goal and we were caught a bit flat-footed."



Jack McCarthy in goalmouth action.  
Picture by Robert Haynes

# Non-league Football

## Did You Know?

WAYNE Rooney is poised to become the latest England player to reach a century of caps, with his 100th expected to arrive when Roy Hodgson's team play Slovenia a week on Saturday.

Here, the *Sports Pink* looks at the other England centurions.

### FRANK LAMPARD (106 caps, 1999-2014)

A member of the so-called Golden Generation which was expected to thrive under Sven-Goran Eriksson, Lampard hung up his boots after the World Cup without a winner's medal to his name. The midfielder was an outstanding servant for his country, though, particularly in the early stages when he scored many of his 29 goals with well-timed runs from midfield. The one 'goal' he will perhaps be most remembered for though is the one that was not given when he hit the crossbar and the ball bounced over the line in the 2010 World Cup defeat to Germany.



**ASHLEY COLE (107 caps, 2001-2014)**  
Cole made the left-back role his own for over a decade after making his England debut as a 20-year-old under Eriksson. While Cole divided opinion among supporters there was never any doubt about his ability. Ex-Saint Wayne Bridge tried – and failed – to dethrone Cole during Eriksson's reign. But when Roy Hodgson omitted him from his World Cup squad earlier this year, Cole retired. Hodgson praised the dignity with which he took his omission and the Roma defender was one of England's biggest supporters on Twitter this summer.

### PETER SHILTON (125 caps, 1970-1990)

Shilton, who started out his long career at home town club Leicester, made his England debut against East Germany at Wembley in 1970. The former Saints stopper would go on to feature at the European Championship twice as well as three World Cups, reaching the semi-finals in 1990.



**DAVID BECKHAM (115 caps, 1996-2009)**  
Beckham remains England's most-capped outfield player, having made his debut for new manager Glenn Hoddle against Moldova in September 1996. The former Manchester United and Real Madrid man captained England at two World Cups, coming full circle after being vilified for his sending-off against Argentina at the 1998 finals in France.

**BOBBY MOORE (108 caps, 1962-1973)**  
West Ham centre-back Moore led England to World Cup glory at Wembley in 1966 and was respected throughout the game for his superb defending and sportsmanship – featuring in a famous photograph embracing Brazilian icon Pele after their clash at the 1970 World Cup. He passed away in 1993 aged 51 and Moore's statue now stands at the front of Wembley Stadium.

**STEVEN GERRARD (114 caps, 2000-2014)**  
Gerrard may have struggled at times to bring his Liverpool form to the international stage but he was a key man in the England engine room, taking over from David Beckham as its driving force. Gerrard made his England debut under Kevin Keegan against Ukraine and retired nearly a decade and a half later after leading his country in the World Cup this summer. Unfortunately

for Gerrard, his last proper act was to provide the assist for Luis Suarez's killer goal which knocked England out.

**BOBBY CHARLTON (106 caps, 1958-1970)**  
Manchester United attacking midfielder Charlton was part of the 1966 World Cup-winning squad, and remains England's all-time record goalscorer with 49. Charlton's last appearance for the Three Lions came in the quarter-final defeat to West Germany at the 1970 World Cup, which made him at the time England's most-capped outfield player.

**BILLY WRIGHT (105 caps, 1946-1959)**  
Wolves defender Wright was England's first centurion, the team captain earning his 100th cap against Scotland at Wembley in 1959. Wright was also skipper of the England team which suffered a shock defeat to the United States at the 1950 World Cup in Brazil, but would go on to play again at two more tournaments. He passed away aged 70, his ashes scattered on the pitch at Molineux. His statue now stands outside the ground.

**Image:** Steven Gerrard (left) and David Beckham (right) during their careers.

## Flitney takes step up in his stride and eyes

AS A man who is particularly zealous about the art of goalkeeping, Ross Flitney had his eye on how he could continue to progress his own game even before Eastleigh won last season's Conference South title.

Speaking early in the new year, the Spittires number one expressed a tentative hope that the club would recruit a keepers' coach in the event that they did secure promotion, writes PAUL McNAMARA.

That eventuality came to pass although, as Flitney explains, through no fault of the club's, he is already working under his second keeping specialist of the season.

"We had Scotty Bevan at the start of the year and, unfortunately, we lost him. He went on to bigger and better things (Bevan was appointed as goalkeeping coach at Portsmouth late in pre-season) and I wish him all the best – he's a good friend."

Bevan's legacy is evident on Eastleigh's Wellington Sports Ground training fields, however, in the form of Steve Manning, the man that the former Saints player 'highly recommended' to come in his stead.

Manning was already on the staff at Havant & Waterlooville, and is now combining that role with his work with the Silverlake Stadium club's stoppers.

The arrangement, says Flitney enthusiastically, has got off to an encouraging start.

"He's been brilliant. It's been a different form of coaching to what I've been used to, but he's improved certain aspects of my game and definitely improved the young lads as well."

"He's extremely technical and very in depth in the way he explains things. It's good that I understand it! It's just a different style."

"Near enough everything we do focuses on plyometrics and agility. It's good. He's working us very hard as well so I'm enjoying it."

Manning's responsibilities at Havant & Waterlooville mean that he doesn't have the opportunity to watch Flitney first-hand in competitive action.

That is an issue that the pair have, thus far, successfully negotiated.

### HIGHLIGHTS

"He watches the highlights of every game, and now and again I give him a disc if there's anything specific I want him to look at."

"We might have a chat over breakfast on Monday about anything I'm not happy with, or anything I've done well on the Saturday."

"He does ask if there's anything I want to work on, but nine times out of ten I'll leave it up to him and it's been really good so far."

Flitney's assertive performances between the Spittires' posts this season are testament to that thorough approach, and to the relish with which he approaches his work away from the public eye – "I always work hard in training and do bits and pieces away from here as well."

The former Gillingham man, having celebrated his 30th birthday in June this year, laughs when he's reminded of his previously stated belief that a goalkeeper's peak years fall between the ages of 30 and 35.

"I hope I'm right in that! I don't think I'll necessarily get any better as a keeper."

"You just become a bit more consistent, and can read the game better."

"No situation is ever the same, but you can predict and be ready for certain things."

Flitney was unquestionably ready for the rise in standard that awaited him and his colleagues in the Conference Premier this year.

The Hitchin-born stopper has played in the division for Grays Athletic (between 2007 and 2009) and in League Two for Barnet (2005-2007).

He also made the jump from Conference South to League Two in 2011, when leaving Dover Athletic for Gillingham.

Flitney admitted to noticing a leap in quality then – "The balls were moving a bit quicker and they are better players."

On this occasion, while acknowledging the class divide between what he now faces and the football that he had become accustomed over the last two years, Flitney has found the transition more straightforward.

"They're the same balls which is quite fortunate (the Football League use different footballs to their non-



**SAFETY FIRST:** Ross Flitney punches clear for Eastleigh.

**"There's been nobody (on opposing sides) that's made me stand back and say 'wow'. There's not been anybody that I've thought has been unplayable"**

league counterparts).

"There's definitely a better level of player (in the Conference Premier)."

"There's a lot of Football League experience in this division. Teams are generally more organised and a bit more solid, and they are good going forward."

"You have players who are used to playing at a higher standard; some of them might be coming to the end of their careers, but they're still quality footballers."

"It's definitely been a step up in quality. Having said that, we've kept our squad together and made a few quality additions."

### ADAPTED

"We've gained a lot of strength and grown as a team. I think, as our league position shows (the Spittires currently lie eighth, just four points off second spot), we're dealing with it."

"We're pushing on and we've adapted as individuals and as a group. We're all positive for the future."

"There's been nobody (on opposing sides) that's made me stand back and say 'wow'. There's not been anybody that I've thought has been unplayable."

"The major game for me, though, was at Wrexham

(Eastleigh lost 3-0 at the Racecourse Ground on September 27).

"We didn't give a good account of ourselves. That was the case individually and collectively. We let each other down."

"We were disappointed, so it'll be nice to play them again and hopefully put that right."

That fixed desire to make amends for his team's defeat in north Wales typifies a reflective character; a footballer who has no wish to slip into a comfort zone.

The suggestion that there is no pressure on his hold on the Spittires' number one jersey – Flitney's understudies this term have been teenagers Josh Helm and the currently injured Lewis Noice – brings a defiant response.

"I would never look at it like that. They are both (Helm and Noice) young at the minute and have so much to learn."

"They will both grow, though, and be very good goalkeepers. I've had it at a few clubs, where you have a young lad waiting behind you."

"I always want to push myself and the gaffer doesn't let me get away with anything."

"It might seem like he's moaning at me or getting on my back, but I think he's just trying to keep me sharp."

"He doesn't want me to get comfortable, which I try

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**long stay as Eastleigh's number one**

# DEVOTED TO THE CAUSE



**CHAMPIONS:**  
Lee Peacock  
celebrates with  
Ross Flitney  
after Eastleigh  
secured the  
Conference  
South title in  
April of this  
year.

not to do. I never take playing for granted."

Although he is now largely free of the coaching duties which added to his workload last season (Manning works at the club on two of their three training days each week), Flitney is keen to pass on his wealth of knowledge and experience to his rookie contemporaries.

Furthermore, he considers the time spent tutoring Noice and former Silverlake custodian Jack Dovey last term to have advanced his own learning curve.

## OPINIONS

"Whether Steve's in or not, I'll still put my opinions across to Josh – and I will do with Noice once he's fit again."

"It's important to keep them pushing on. Their careers are only just starting. I've got about 11 years on both of them which, when I think about what I've done in 11 years, is a hell of a long time."

"I can't go on forever, and their chance will come one day. Hopefully they'll both go on and have good careers, and if I can be a part of that then that would be great."

"I might be a full-time coach one-day. I don't know."

It's not something I've thought about yet. It's great to be able to be involved in the coaching.

"Jack's gone to Australia (where he is playing semi-professionally).

"I still keep in touch with him, and he's doing very well out there and loving it which is great."

Noice sustained his injury, a spiral fracture of the ankle, during the warm up for his side's game at Dartford early in September.

Flitney, though, wasn't going to be distracted from the job in hand.

"I didn't actually see it happen. Once the game has started that's all I think about. I don't let anything else come into my mind. Afterwards, though, all the boys were there for him."

"Obviously, he was very down and disheartened at the time, but he's on the way back now and hopefully it won't be too long (before he's fit again)."

That evening at Dartford saw Richard Hill's team ship a two-goal lead, the hosts scoring late on to snatch an unlikely 2-2 draw. The result came at a time when Eastleigh were finding themselves involved in a series of high-scoring contests.

Of late, opponents have had to work harder to breach the Spittires' rear-guard, and the side's last line of defence agrees that might be due to the settled

back-four that is bedding down in front of him.

Prior to this week's 3-2 victory over Chester, Hill was able to field the same defensive unit on three successive victorious Saturdays.

In the course of that trio of wins, Eastleigh conceded just twice.

"It does help. We have got good enough players here that anybody can come in and take over. (Centre-back and captain) Dean (Beckwith) got sent off on Saturday, and whoever comes in for him this week will do just as well. I've got complete faith in that."

"When you do have a settled team, though, it's not only valuable to the back four. It's beneficial for the whole side."

"When you're playing a lot of games together, the players do become more familiar with each other."

"We get to know each other's games and can read what people are going to do a bit more. You can never play the same 11 all season though. It's impossible."

"But, like I said we've got plenty of good players ready to step in and do well."

A feeling shared by those Eastleigh players is their delight regarding the astonishing increase in attendances at the Silverlake this campaign.

Formerly averaging home gates of roughly 600, the Spittires now routinely play in front of four-figure crowds, home and away.

Flitney, by now struggling to make himself heard above the din of his boisterous teammates, who are all in understandably fine spirits as they enjoy their lasagne lunch across from where we sit in the main room of Eastleigh's clubhouse, echoes his colleagues' joy at the numbers being attracted to watch them play.

"It's a great feeling to have the crowds coming in. The bigger attendances here make for a better atmosphere and hopefully they'll keep growing. Myself and the boys love it."

"We do go away to places where they've got a few more fans as well. It adds to the atmosphere and the occasion."

"I don't think there's any better feeling for a footballer – walking out at 3 o'clock on a Saturday and there being anywhere between one thousand to six thousand people there. It's a great feeling."

The affection with which Flitney is held by Spittires' followers is borne out by the decision of the official supporters' club to sponsor the goalkeeper this season.

## PRIDE

The player, who first came to the Silverlake on a temporary basis in October 2012, appreciates the backing.

"That's really nice. It's great that they wanted to sponsor me this year and I take quite a lot of pride in that."

As popular within the club as he is on the terraces – he had a telling influence on this day's choice of menu – Flitney hopes to be around for some time yet.

In the week that 33-year-old Spanish keeper Iker Casillas revealed his ambition to continue his remarkable Real Madrid career until he turns 40, Eastleigh's former Fulham man vowed that he, too, would continue for as long as he can.

"As long as I'm enjoying it, that's the main thing. I am and hopefully that will continue. As long as the body holds out, then I can't see me stopping for any reason. I'd really like to stay at the club."

"I enjoy it and I'm comfortable and settled here. I'm here next year as it stands and we'll see what happens after that."

There is no danger, however, of this understated and cerebral man becoming carried away with his side's wonderful run of form.

"We're doing really well at the minute. We've tightened things up at the back a bit and that's serving us well. If we can keep progressing over the next seven months, in the manner that we have so far, then we'll stand a chance of doing reasonably well."

As he plays in the most unforgiving position on the field – a job of which current Derby County and ex-Manchester United goalkeeping coach Eric Steele recently said: 'When we do it right, no one remembers. When we do it wrong, no one forgets.' – Flitney's tendency towards caution is understandable.

Nevertheless, these are heady times at Eastleigh FC and, although he might not be comfortable with the acclaim that his displays frequently attract, Ross Flitney deserves enormous credit for his part in the strides that the club continues to make.

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## Did You Know?

WAYNE Rooney is just one cap away from joining an elite group of England's centurions, and is on course to win his 100th cap in the Euro 2016 qualifier against Slovenia a week on Saturday.

It continues the 29-year-old's, pictured below, fine career for both country and club, but here are some things you may not have known about the Three Lions captain.

1) The wondrous strike for Everton against Arsenal in October 2002 was Rooney's breakthrough moment, but even before that he was making an impact on the biggest stage. Aged ten, he was Everton mascot for the derby against Liverpool and audaciously chipped goalkeeper Neville Southall in the warm-up.

2) His eye for goal was highlighted by a remarkable haul of 72 in the 1996-97 season – an all-time Liverpool Boys under-11s goalscoring record which stood until just four years ago.



**GONG:** Wayne Rooney with the BBC Young Sportsman of the Year Award in 2002.

3) Rooney became the second winner of the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year award back in 2002. Aged 17, he was chosen ahead of shooter Charlotte Kerwood and gymnast Becky Owen.

4) Things would have been so much different for Rooney had he opted to represent the Republic of Ireland instead of England. He was eligible through his grandmother Patricia Fitzsimons.

5) Rooney grew up an Everton fan but also follows Celtic and supports rugby league side Leeds Rhinos.

6) Last month the forward set a new milestone by becoming the first Premier League player to reach 10 million Twitter followers.

7) Wayne is not the only Rooney in football today, with younger brother John currently plying his trade at Conference side Chester, having had spells at clubs varying from New York Red Bulls to Barnsley.

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## EASTLEIGH FIXTURES 2014/15

### AUGUST

9 Nuneaton (A) .....	W3-0
Reason, Stanley, Strevens	
14 Aldershot (H) .....	W1-0
Wright	
16 Gateshead (H) .....	D2-2
Strevens, Midson	
23 Dover (A) .....	L1-2
Midson	
25 Welling (H) .....	W3-1
Constable 2, Evans	
30 Macclesfield (A) .....	L0-2

### SEPTEMBER

6 Southport (H) .....	W2-1
Reason, OG	
9 Dartford (A) .....	D2-2
Collins, Constable	
13 Altrincham (A) .....	D3-3
Reid, McAllister, Reason	
16 Forest Green (H) .....	D2-2
Midson, Constable	
20 Braintree (H) .....	W1-0
Reason	
27 Wrexham (A) .....	L0-3
30 Bristol Rovers (H) .....	D1-1
Collins	

### OCTOBER

4 Barnet (A) .....	L 0-1
11 FC Halifax Town (H) .....	W 4-1
Reason, Green, Fleetwood, Strevens	
18 Nuneaton Town H .....	W 2-1
McAllister, Collins	
25 Kidderminster (FAC 4Q) A .W 1-0	
Reason	

### NOVEMBER

1 Chester H .....	W 3-2
Strevens, Fleetwood (pen), McAllister	
8 Lincoln City (FAC 1) .....	H
11 Forest Green Rovers .....	A
15 Lincoln City .....	H
22 Aldershot Town .....	A
29 Torquay United .....	A

### DECEMBER

2 Dartford .....	H
6 Grimsby Town .....	H
9 Alfreton Town .....	A
20 AFC Telford United .....	A
26 Woking .....	H
28 Braintree Town .....	A

### JANUARY

1 Woking .....	A
4 Altrincham .....	H
17 FC Halifax Town .....	A
24 Wrexham .....	H
31 Kidderminster .....	A

### FEBRUARY

2 AFC Telford United .....	H
10 Southport .....	A
14 Torquay United .....	H
21 Chester .....	A
28 Macclesfield Town .....	H

### MARCH

7 Bristol Rovers .....	A
14 Barnet .....	H
21 Grimsby Town .....	A
28 Gateshead .....	A

### APRIL

4 Dover Athletic .....	H
6 Welling United .....	A
11 Alfreton Town .....	H
18 Lincoln City .....	A
25 Kidderminster .....	H

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### IT was January 3, 2011.

Eastleigh were losing 2-1 at home to Hampshire rivals Havant & Waterlooville in a Conference South encounter at The Silverlake Stadium.

Paul McNamara was among the home supporters wondering how Ian Baird's Spitfires would get back into the contest.

"There was an inevitability about the manner in which they (Havant) would efficiently see out a clinical victory," McNamara writes in his forthcoming book on Eastleigh, *'The More We Win The Better It Will Be'*.

But no.

"Football then did what football does best. It produced a final 20 minutes of mayhem," McNamara noted.

Tom Jordan headed a leveller, Brett Williams fired Eastleigh ahead and Jamie Slabber sealed the come-from-behind success by "contemptuously" converting a late penalty.

"Suddenly I was gripped," said McNamara, who was certainly even at that stage no stranger to watching Eastleigh.

"I could feel a sense of belonging."

"The last 20 minutes of that cold afternoon at Ten Acres, when any outside worries or duties were placed on hold, the home crowd formed as one in support of a stirring fightback and the floodlights shone through the gloom on a home team in the ascendancy over their neighbours, elevated me onto a cloud from which I didn't descend for a good 72 hours."

"It was while scaling the post 4-2 euphoria that I wondered how many other people out there were feeling similarly buoyed in the wake of both the result and the rousing style in which it was earned."

"I was no less intrigued as to the effect the match would have on its victorious participants."

"Eastleigh were, at the time, a wholly part-time outfit."

"I wanted to know much more. What jobs were these fellas getting up to tackle so soon after their starring roles on a spine-tingling afternoon? How long did it take for the adrenaline to disappear?"

"My musings inspired by that single afternoon set the ball rolling."

"I became increasingly fascinated by both the lifestyles that is incumbent upon a non league footballer and the array of personalities contained in the dressing rooms of these clubs."

"I wanted to know about the humdrum. What motivates the semi pro, with no chance of any national kudos for their efforts and a pay packet that corresponds more closely to the paying fan than that of a world renowned film star, to drag themselves into training and apply eyeballs-out intensity to their football on a miserable winter's day?"

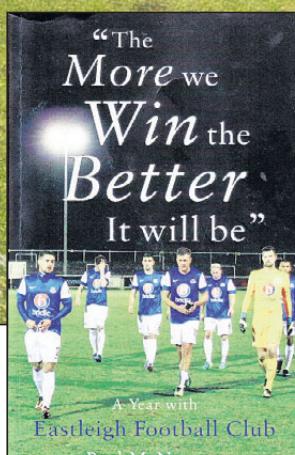
That was the start of McNamara's involvement on the inside at Eastleigh, as opposed to just another fan looking in from the outside.

Eventually granted exclusive access to all the major players involved with the Spitfires, the lifelong Everton supporter spent the 2013/14 season chronicling a year in the life of a non league club. McNamara certainly struck

# Paul's sense



**THE GAME THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING:** Brett Williams celebrates a goal in Eastleigh's 4-2 derby win against Havant in January 2011.



lucky, as Eastleigh celebrated the greatest season in their history with the Conference South title.

Eastleigh supporters will obviously lap up this book, and thankfully for McNamara there is now more of those than ever before. The club have more than doubled their average league attendance this season as

they rub shoulders with English football's non league elite for the first time.

But *'The More We Win The Better It Will Be'* – the title of the book comes from a quote given to McNamara by Eastleigh founder Derik Brooks last summer – should appeal to all football fans, irrespective of who they support.

All non league fans should certainly devour the book.

Even if they aren't Eastleigh fans, McNamara's love of the semi professional game – far removed from the glamour, glitz, media attention and

wealth of their Premier League cousins – shines through.

Growing up as an Everton season ticket holder, McNamara no doubt never once thought he would end up besotted by non league football watching games where attendances would be measured in hundreds rather than tens of thousands.

But by summer 2010, just a year after setting foot inside the Silverlake Stadium for the first time, Eastleigh FC was starting to matter to him.

Starting to matter a lot.

"I was finding myself gradually

## EASTLEIGH v LINCOLN CITY FA CUP FIRST ROUND

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# of belonging

**How Eastleigh's derby win over Havant in early 2011 led to one fan charting the Spitfires' great rise to top flight of non league ...**



GOAL: Brett Williams scores his first goal against Havant in January 2011.



SMILE PLEASE: Paul McNamara, right, with ex-Saints striker James Beattie.

and willingly falling for this charming and homely institution," he writes.

"Moreover, the entire experience of watching football in comparatively reduced surroundings had become infinitely more pleasurable than the Premier League Groundhog Day to which I had become accustomed."

"I had long since weared of traipsing from my home on the south coast to Goodison Park, the home of my lifelong football love."

"Elements of my creeping disenchantment with all things top flight can be apportioned to familiar

laments - expense, complete disregard for 'customer' care, and the arduous ticket-buying process, which has become something akin to completing a university application form."

Though McNamara has turned his back on the Premier League, I would ask supporters of top flight clubs not to do the same to his book.

Too many Premier League 'fans' live in their own bubble, believing the league is the beginning and end of 'proper' football in this country. Flicking through a book like '*The More We Win The Better It Will Be*' illustrates there is a thriving

scene far beyond the Premier League, and also well beyond League 2.

Today, most of the Conference Premier clubs Eastleigh now find themselves competing against are full-time.

The image some Premier League armchair supporters might have of non league football will almost certainly be miles from the reality.

*'The More We Win The Better It Will Be'* will help explain why so many people fall in love with non league football.

It is published on November 28, priced £13.99.



## Q & A with Eastleigh book author Paul McNamara

### What prompted you to write a book about Eastleigh FC?

It was an idea that I had in my mind for a few years before being given the go-ahead. I became totally absorbed by non-league football, and Eastleigh in particular, just over five years ago.

My fascination extended to being intrigued by the contrast between the game at this level and that at the top end. I wanted to know more about the men that play outside of the national spotlight, and the people that work in this environment.

Furthermore, as somebody whose major football watching experience involved seeing Everton play, I wanted to discover if supporters of a small club felt as strongly about their team as those I was previously familiar with encountering every week.

I actually first approached Eastleigh with my book proposal in 2011. There was some tentative interest on the club's behalf, but events (primarily the Bridle takeover) meant that the project had to go on the backburner. As it transpired, I struck gold with respect to the season in which the book came to fruition.

### What was the most enjoyable thing about writing the book?

Without doubt, that was having access to the manager's thoughts and to the team's training sessions. I think that supporters of any football club – which is what I am at Eastleigh – would cherish the opportunity to know what is going on in the manager's mind.

I had a clear insight into the rationale behind a number of decisions being made regarding matters on and off the pitch.

Seeing the players close up on the training ground you develop a keen appreciation for just how good they are. The Conference South might not be considered as a hotbed for football talent, but some of the skill I witnessed first-hand would take your breath away. Regularly watching training also provided me with a real understanding of what Richard Hill was trying to do with his side.

I should also say that it was a privilege getting to know the players. I was used to watching these men every week, but I didn't have much of a clue with regards to what they would be like as individuals. Happily, to a man, they couldn't have been more open and welcoming.

### And the least enjoyable?

There hasn't been any aspect of the project I'd describe as not being enjoyable – but it would be true to say that some things weren't as enjoyable as others. For all that watching training was great, there were some absolutely freezing mornings when I wasn't sure if my extremities would survive intact.

On a more prosaic level, the whole editorial process was a painstaking one – and tested my patience a touch. It is, though, a necessary evil if the end product is to be of the highest calibre possible.

### What are your best memories from writing the book?

Being tied so closely to the club, and to everybody involved with it, during what was a momentous season for Eastleigh was an experience that I will treasure forever. I think I will always look back on the entire ten months with great affection, rather than reflecting on any standout moments during that time.

### Any bad memories?

No bad memories as such, but if I ever felt that I'd got on Richard's wrong side due to something I'd written then that was never a pleasant feeling. He had, after all, given me total access to his place of work so he wasn't a man I ever wanted to upset.

### Who was the easiest Eastleigh player to interview?

I couldn't pick one out as being the easiest, as I never once encountered a player who wouldn't answer a single question that I asked. That goes for the owner, manager and anybody else on the staff as well.

If I had to pick a favourite interview, it would be hard to separate any of the three that I did with Richard, a piece I did with Andy Cook, who was formerly a player at Saints and is now Eastleigh's Sports Therapist, and the one that I conducted late in the season with Lee Peacock.

Lee had a pretty remarkable career, but is now happier than he's been for years working as the club's Head of Youth and Development.

Richard is a dream interviewee, extremely candid and a great talker. Andy Cook's story is also fascinating; from making his Saints debut as a teenager against Manchester United, through the barely credible catalogue of injuries

he suffered during his career, to his transition into the field he works in today.

### Could you name the hardest player to interview?

I can honestly say that I had no difficulties whatsoever when I interviewed any of the players, the manager or the owner. Nobody ever turned down an interview request, and they all answered every question as honestly and fully as they could. I realise I was probably quite lucky with respect to the club I chose to write a book about!

### What are your overall impressions of Stewart Donald and Richard Hill?

Richard is an intensely ambitious and determined person. He's both a reflective and proactive manager. I always had the impression that he would ruminate over every incident in every game. If anything hadn't gone to plan, no matter how small the issue, he would ponder on what could have happened differently and if there was something he could have done to influence that.

He is definitely not somebody who wants his club to stand still. He is managing Eastleigh with the intention for his side to improve every time they play. Like many high achievers, I think the highs probably come and go in a flash, whereas the lows stay with him for a long time.

I think, as a player under Richard, you'd understand clearly what he expects from you. The same is true off the field; there is a level of behaviour and respect towards others that he expects from anybody who plays for him.

People generally only see that harder edge to his personality though. It might be well hidden in public, but anybody who works for him or with him will know that Richard is a very open, even empathetic, person. As he'll be quick to tell you himself, just because he looks scary doesn't mean he is!

I've only ever found a helpful person with a genuine desire to do his very best for Eastleigh.

Stewart is another extremely driven individual. Once he focuses on achieving something, I don't think there's anything that is going to get in his way. I'll say he's impatient, but that's not intended as a criticism.

From the minute he arrived at Eastleigh, Stewart seems to have decided that he's going to grow a small non-league football team, playing in a cosy little ground, into a Football League club that plays in a stadium to match that standing. The evidence so far would suggest that he's going the right way about it! The ground is fantastic, and he has on his hands the best squad of players – by some distance – that Eastleigh have ever had.

In short, Stewart's a juggernaut that's not going to put the brakes on any time soon.

### Where do you think Eastleigh will finish in the league this season?

That's the most difficult question of all. Coming away from Macclesfield and Wrexham this season, when the team had been well-beaten, you wouldn't have held a hope for Eastleigh challenging for a play-off spot. Then they get back to the Silverlake and just don't lose. Certainly, nobody expected to thump Halifax, who were second coming into the game, 4-1.

There is, though, undoubtedly a marked difference in the standard of opposition this season. If Eastleigh got themselves in front in a game last season, you could generally settle back in anticipation of three points. In the Conference Premier, teams don't know when they're beaten.

If I'm being honest I think that a top-ten finish would represent a magnificent first year at this level.

### How far up the football pyramid do you realistically think Eastleigh can rise?

There is no reason to think that Eastleigh can't become a League One club. There are players in the squad now, who have been part of teams elsewhere when they were promoted into the league for the first time.

Craig Stanley achieved that feat with Morecambe in 2007. They are now fully established in League Two – and reached that division's play-offs in 2010.

Craig McAllister was a big part of Crawley's rise out of the Conference in 2011. They went up into League One the following season, where they're now settled.

Eastleigh certainly have the potential to attract the same degree of consistent support as those two clubs and, as I've touched on already, the owner and manager are prepared to invest everything they have into bringing success to the club.

**REACTION – SEE MONDAY'S ECHO**

**CHERRIES  
2014/15****AUGUST**

9: Huddersfield Town (A) .....	W 4-0
Pugh, Wilson 2, Kermorgant	
12: Exeter (A) League Cup .....	W 2-0
OG, Gosling	
16: Brentford (H) .....	W 1-0
Stanislas	
19: Nottn Forest (H) .....	L 1-2
Wilson	
23: Blackburn Rovers (A) .....	L 2-3
Pitman, Cook	
26: Northampton (H) Lge Cup .....	W 3-0
Gosling, Pitman, Wilson	
30: Norwich City (A) .....	D 1-1
Wilson	

**SEPTEMBER**

13: Rotherham (H) .....	D 1-1
Cook	
16: Leeds Utd (H) .....	L 1-3
Surman	
20: Watford (A) .....	D 1-1
Arter	
27: Wigan Athletic (H) .....	W 2-0
Kermorgant, Francis	
30: Derby County (A) .....	L 0-2

**OCTOBER**

4: Bolton Wanderers (A) .....	W 2-1
Wilson (2)	
18: Charlton Athletic (H) .....	W 1-0
Wilson	
21: Reading (H) .....	W 3-0
Wilson, Pitman 2	
25: Birmingham City (A) .....	8-0
Pitman, Wilson, Ritchie, Pugh 3, Rantie 2	
28: West Brom (H) League Cup .....	W 2-1
O'Kane, Wilson	

**NOVEMBER**

1: Brighton .....	W 3-2
Greer og, Pugh, Kermorgant,	
4: Sheffield Wed .....	W 2-0
Surman, Fraser	
8: Middlesbrough .....	A
22: Ipswich Town .....	H
29: Millwall .....	H

**ANDREW SURMAN****DECEMBER**

6: Wolves .....	A
13: Cardiff City .....	H
20: Blackpool .....	A
26: Fulham .....	H
28: Millwall .....	A

**JANUARY**

10: Norwich City .....	H
17: Rotherham United .....	A
24: Leeds United .....	A
31: Watford .....	H

**FEBRUARY**

7: Wigan Athletic .....	A
10: Derby County (7.45pm) .....	H
14: Huddersfield .....	A
21: Brentford .....	A
25: Nottingham Forest (7.45pm) .....	A
28: Blackburn Rovers .....	H

**MARCH**

3: Wolves (7.45pm) .....	H
7: Fulham .....	A
14: Blackpool .....	H
17: Cardiff City (7.45pm) .....	A
21: Middlesbrough (3pm) .....	H

**APRIL**

4: Ipswich Town .....	A
6: Birmingham City .....	H
11: Brighton .....	A
14: Reading (8pm) .....	A
18: Sheffield Wednesday .....	H
25: Bolton Wanderers .....	H

**MAY**

2: Charlton Athletic .....	A
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# Non-league Football

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**HE IS still reminded of the day he was sent off for Saints against Manchester United, but Matt Paterson is determined to create happier FA Cup memories when Gosport Borough make their first-round debut.**

It was during a third-round FA Cup tie against United at St Mary's in January 2009 that Paterson was given his marching orders for a clumsy challenge on Nemanja Vidic in front of a St Mary's crowd of 31,901 – as well as millions of television viewers.

Saints were already 1-0 down to a Danny Welbeck goal when a 20 year-old Paterson, who had made his full debut against Reading only a week earlier, was sent off for a studs-up, 37th-minute lunge on the Serb.

A Nani penalty and a Darren Gibson volley ensured a 3-0 win for United and Paterson was distraught afterwards.

"We were in the Championship at the time so it was a great opportunity for the club and for us – suddenly we were rubbing shoulders with some of the best players in the world," he recalls.

"It was a bad challenge, I try not to remember it but it still gets mentioned occasionally. I've been sent off since but nothing as high-profile as that!"

Paterson has had a happier time of it in the FA Cup this season, scoring his first five goals in the competition, including a hat-trick in the 7-0 third-round win against Larkhall Athletic at Privett Park.

The striker has 13 goals from 16 games since his summer move from Aldershot Town, including another treble in last Saturday's 4-1 Conference South victory at Farnborough.

He is enjoying his football as much as he has done at any stage since leaving Saints, who he joined from Bournemouth as a 16 year-old.

Paterson shared digs with the likes of Gareth Bale before making 22 first-team appearances – including seven starts – alongside the likes of Morgan Schneiderlin, Jack Cork, Adam Lallana and Rickie Lambert.

"I loved my time at Southampton," says the 25 year-old, who was given his debut by Jan Poortvliet, as a late substitute against Norwich in the Championship in September 2008.

Paterson scored the first of his two Saints goals in his first game after his sending off, a memorable 25-yarder shortly after coming off the bench in a 3-0 win at Ipswich in March 2009.

His other Saints goal came on the opening day of the following season, an expertly-taken chip against Millwall as the club won their first point under Alan Pardew in League One – the first step to a positive points tally after beginning 2009-10 with minus ten following administration.

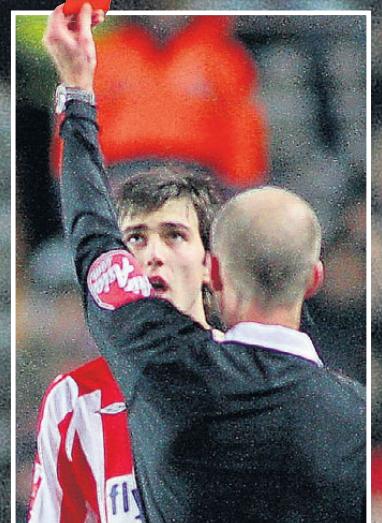
"Scoring my first goal at Portman Road and then in my first game live on Sky against Millwall were special moments," said. "I enjoyed all my time at Saints, I'm very fortunate to have had my football education there."

"Coaches like Georges Prost, Dave

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# RED LETTER DAY...



**Matt Paterson's clash with Nemanja Vidic in the FA Cup led to him receiving a red card**



Hockaday and Stewart Henderson all played a part in my development, as did the managers I played under – Jan Poortvliet, Mark Wotte and Alan Pardew.

"Playing alongside a lot of people who are now in the Premier League helped me too. A lot of players have come through that academy and I'm sure there'll be a lot more."

Paterson, who went to the Neville Lovett Community School in Fareham, reluctantly moved to Southend in January 2010.

"It happened really fast, it was a difficult situation," he says. Paterson is likely to

be up against former Southend teammates Sanchez Watt and Sean Clohessy tomorrow, but failed to hold down a regular place at Roots Hall, from where he spent half his 18 months on loan at Stockport, Scottish outfit Hamilton and Forest Green.

After scoring seven goals during a season at League Two Burton Albion, he dropped a level to Aldershot, where he spent a year before moving to Gosport in the summer.

Paterson soon formed a very effective partnership with Justin Bennett, while developing his coaching skills

with Gosport's youngsters.

Between them, he and Bennett have scored 27 of Gosport's 41 goals this season.

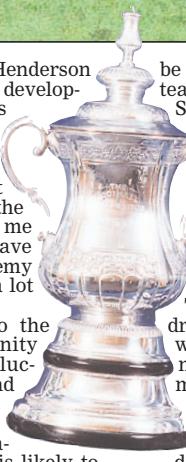
"Benno's a legend here, we clicked straight away," Paterson continued. "I didn't get the chance I felt I deserved at Aldershot but I've applied myself well and haven't started off too badly."

"I'm just glad to be playing again, I've come down a level and am enjoying my football again."

Paterson still has ambitions to return to the Football League.

"I'm fortunate to be where I am, but my ultimate goal is to play full-time football again," he said.

A goal in front of the *Match of the Day* cameras will not do his cause any harm.



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## Non-league Football

# SAINTS FAN DREAMS OF POMPEY DEFEAT

**SAINTS** fan Brett Williams is dreaming of scoring the winner against Pompey.

The Aldershot striker will make the short journey from his Hedge End home to Fratton Park for tomorrow afternoon's FA Cup first-round Hampshire derby.

"It's the best draw we could have got with Aldershot being the county's army town, Portsmouth being a naval city and the game being played on Remembrance Sunday," he says.

"The lads are up for it, the whole club is buzzing about it, especially myself and Joe Oastler, who's such a big Pompey fan he's got the club's badge tattooed on his leg!"

"The atmosphere's going to be like nothing I've experienced before. Being a Saints fan, it's extra special for me."

"I first saw Saints at The Dell when I was really young and for a couple of years I had a season ticket with my dad in the Itchen Stand, when Gordon Strachan was manager."

"I saw us beat Pompey at St Mary's more than once and we also went to the 2003 FA Cup final."

"It's obviously harder to get to games now but I saw us beat Fulham last season."

Williams will have bragging rights over friends and family should Aldershot produce a similar result to the last meeting between the sides 32 years ago (the Shots were in the old Division Four when they won an FA Cup second-round tie 3-1 against a Pompey side that went on to win the old Division Three title).

"My best mate and two older half-brothers both support Pompey but I don't go in for the banter as much as some Saints fans," says



**Simon Walter**

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Southampton-born Williams, who went to Wildern School.

"I'm more of a football fan and would love to see Pompey back in the Premier League one day."

"I still see it as a big club and their fans are great. It's a shame they're in League Two because it would be great to have that rivalry going again."

"Until now the biggest stadium I've played in is Bradford City's. I went to Fratton Park to watch a couple of games last year as I'm good friends with [Pompey defenders and former Aldershot loanees] Adam Webster and Dan Butler.

"Playing there will be special."

Williams has scored 31 goals in 60 games for Aldershot since moving from Northampton Town 15 months ago.

"Aldershot have given me the chance to play regularly, which I've never had before," he says.

A former Saints trialist - "they had Theo Walcott and Adam Lallana at the time" - Williams moved to Reading after brief stints at Winchester City and AFC Totton and a third spell at Eastleigh.

He did not make a first-team appearance for Reading but after five starts and two goals on loan at Rotherham United, he scored three more League Two goals in three months at Northampton Town - including a 90th-minute winner against local rivals Oxford United.

Another derby goal tomorrow would surpass that as the highlight of his career so far.



Brett Williams playing for Winchester against Watford



Brett Williams on the ball for Eastleigh

## POMPEY 2014/15

### AUGUST

9 Exeter City (A) .....	D 1-1
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16 Cambridge United (H) .....	W 2-1
Taylor, OG	
19 Northampton Town (H) .....	W 2-0
Wallace, Westcarr	
23 Oxford United (A) .....	W 1-0
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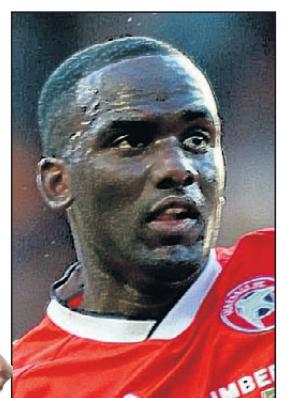
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16 Dagenham & Red (H) .....	W 3-0
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20 Wycombe Wanderers (H) .....	D 1-1
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27 Hartlepool United (A) .....	D 0-0

### OCTOBER

4 York City (A) .....	D 0-0
7 Northampton (H) .....	L 2-1
Taylor	
11 Mansfield Town H .....	D 1-1
Robinson	
18 Bury A .....	L 3-0
21 Stevenage H .....	W 3-2
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25 Shrewsbury Town A .....	L 2-1
Wallace	

### NOVEMBER

1 Carlisle United .....	W 3-0
Westcarr, Storey, Hollands	
8 FA Cup 1st rd: Aldershot .....	H
15 Plymouth Argyle .....	A
22 Morecambe .....	H
29 Tranmere Rovers .....	A



**CRAIG WESTCARR**

### DECEMBER

6 FA Cup 2nd rd .....	
13 Accrington Stanley .....	H
20 Cheltenham Town .....	A
26 AFC Wimbledon .....	H
28 Luton Town .....	A

### JANUARY

3 Tranmere Rovers .....	H
10 Newport County .....	A
17 Burton Albion .....	H
24 Southend United .....	H
31 Wycombe Wanderers .....	A

### FEBRUARY

7 Hartlepool United .....	H
10 Dagenham & R (7.45pm) .....	A
14 Exeter City .....	H
21 Cambridge United .....	A
28 Oxford United .....	H

### MARCH

3 Northampton (7.45pm) .....	A
7 Accrington Stanley .....	A
14 Luton Town .....	H
17 Cheltenham Town (7.45pm) .....	H
21 AFC Wimbledon .....	A
28 Shrewsbury Town .....	H

### APRIL

4 Carlisle United .....	A
6 Plymouth Argyle .....	H
11 Morecambe .....	A
14 Stevenage (7.45pm) .....	A
18 Bury .....	H
25 Mansfield Town .....	A

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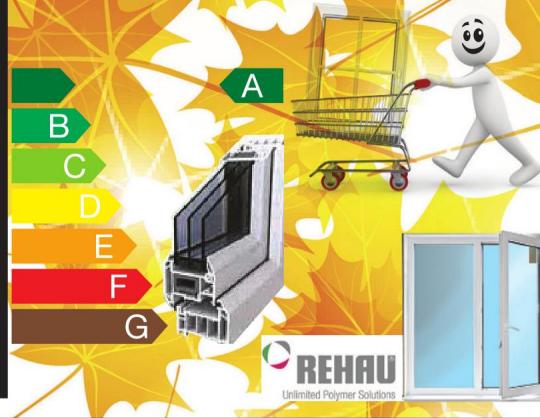
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# Non-league Football

## Respect is due: Rival boss hails AFC Stoneham

OTTERBOURNE manager Richard Luffman has admitted his respect for rivals AFC Stoneham after his side claimed local bragging rights by knocking them out of the Hampshire Intermediate Cup.

Luffman had plotted for some time to get one over on Stoneham by beating them in the cup and end their unbeaten run in the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior Division.

The Otters boss completed half of his mission last week as his team beat Adam Pullinger's outfit 5-4 in the county competition.

Luffman is now scheming again as he turns his focus to trying to finish above Stoneham and end their 13-match unbeaten run in the Senior Division.

But before their rivalry resumes he wanted to send a different kind of message to their Chestnut Avenue adversaries after an intense Intermediate Cup match.

"We do have bragging rights over Stoneham now," said Luffman. "But I'd like to say how good I think they are."

"The game was played brilliantly."

"They're a very good side, it was true end-to-end stuff and I thought they were brilliant."

"It was absolutely nerve shredding by the end. We had a slender lead and there were some really hairy moments."

"Yes, we've got bragging rights over our rivals, but it was a terrific game and they were very good."

Prolific striker Tom Sands, who has fired 13 goals in 18 games so far this term, netted a 35-

minute hat-trick to put Otters in control. Stoneham forward Luke Musselwhite netted a trio of his own, including a spectacular effort that Luffman rated very highly.

"It was probably the best goal I've ever seen," he said. "That isn't an exaggeration either – it was superb."

Stoneham assistant manager Wayne Simpson pinned up in the changing rooms as motivation an article, pictured below, printed in the *Sports Pink* last month, in which Luffman announced his intentions of beating Stoneham.

But it wasn't enough to inspire his side to victory as Tom Wright and Steve Hall netted the home team's fourth and fifth – John Cole got the other for Stoneham.

The Intermediate Cup



progress is coupled with a number of campaigns on other fronts.

Otterbourne currently sit fifth in the county top flight and have made progress in the Southampton Senior Cup – beating Sydenhams One club Hythe & Dibden 1-0 in the last round – as well as progress in the Puma Engineering League Cup.

This week they reached the quarter-finals of the Andover Cup after a 4-1 win over South Wonston Swifts.

Sands was again on target in the win. So too were Tom Wright, Tom Ashton and Luffman.



LOUIE BELL

## Bell: We're the league's Man City

BAFFINS Milton Rovers manager Louie Bell admits that his side are like the Manchester City of the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior Division.

Bell's reigning champions are top of the league by six points – although Hamble Club have two games in hand – and the boss, who took charge over the summer, feels that other teams up their game when they play Baffins.

The Portsmouth outfit have been beaten just once this term – when they came undone 1-0 against Scott Marchant's Hamble at the end of September – but face a stern test later this month when they come up against unbeaten

AFC Stoneham.

"We're doing terrifically," said Bell. "Since the Hamble defeat we haven't been beaten."

"Other teams treat us like Manchester City."

"In their eyes we're a big scalp as we won the league last term."

"Everyone ups their game a little when they face us; they all try a little bit harder."

"That means in turn, we're working that extra bit hard to see off teams."

"There are some very good teams in the league. Hamble Club are a good side and so are Stoneham."

"We've just got to keep making

sure we do what we do best; concentrate on what we're doing."

Baffins not only have the best defence in the division – conceding just 12 goals in 14 matches – they also have the finest scoring record.

The Langstone Harbour Ground side have scored a blistering 63 goals.

That fearsome attack has seen former Saints youngster Blu Boam smash home 24 goals, while fellow striker Jason Parish has netted 26 times.

Another attacker, Chaz Gardner, has also reached double figures – scoring 12 goals so far.

## BETTERIDGE READY TO PUT STRUGGLES BEHIND HIM

### Heath boss confident his side will stay up

**LOCKS** Heath manager John Betteridge insists his side have "turned a corner" despite being second to bottom in the Puma Engineering Hampshire Premier League Senior division.

Betteridge took charge of Heath in the summer, overseeing a squad overhaul and complete club redevelopment, after arriving at the club without a player signed on, writes PETER HOWARD.

That rebuilding process is still in its infancy, but the former United Services Portsmouth and Netley Central assistant manager has seen an important change in his squad's progress.

Welcoming back the likes of Joe Collins, Liam Cockerell and Darren Bowman, as well as establishing a consistent starting XI, has seen Heath show reassuring promise to the 30-year-old boss.

"Injuries and unavailability hindered our start," said Betteridge. "We lost many vital players; we've had six or seven key players out at one time."

"Just getting a side out was a struggle. We were just pleased to get a team out every week."

"But we've turned a corner now and we're starting to become a bit more established as team."

"It's absolutely great to see the likes of Joe Collins, Liam Cockerell and Darren Bowman return."

"Bowman is a fantastic player. He's a local lad and one of the best around this area."

"To add to that the team spirit is growing. We've come a long way since our first training session where we had just five players."



**REBUILDING JOB:** Locks Heath manager John Betteridge, left, and assistant boss Ray Fielder.

Betteridge, who heaped praise on his assistant manager Ray Fielder for his work since they arrived at the club in July, made a few predictions for the rest of the Senior season.

"The rebuilding process is far from over but we're not going to go down," he said. "We want to finish as high possible and I don't doubt we'll start to climb."

"The bottom two will likely be Liss and QK Southampton."

"We're far better than those sides around us. We've beaten teams around us so that's a clear indication to where we're at."

"At the other end of the table I see Hamble Club as champions. I know a lot of the players there and they are a class act."

"I can't see Baffins winning it overall." Betteridge's side have a fairly poor disci-

plinary record this term, and he puts that down to the team's frustrations boiling over – something that he feels is no longer a problem.

"The fact that our fitness was poor and we were getting beaten, frustrated the team," he said. "That meant they took it out on the referee."

"That shouldn't be happening and that is changing as our performances improve."

Away from the first team, Heath are creating links for the future.

With partnerships planned with local youth teams, the club are also planning to put into place a reserve set up to play in the Wyvern ranks.

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# Youth Football

## Tommy's taste of internationals

TESTWOOD Sports College student Tommy Barnes is eager for a taste of more Under-16 international soccer after being picked four times for Northern Ireland at schoolboy level.

The versatile 15-year-old Totton-based defender, who is on AFC Bournemouth's books, has twice played in Estonia and was then picked for two subsequent home internationals against Belgium.

"I scored with a header from open play in my last international," said Barnes. "But we lost 5-2 to a technically fine Belgium side."

Barnes (pictured), qualifies to wear the Northern Ireland shirt as his mother is Irish.

Equally at home at either right back or in the centre of defence, he played for Pace Pumas in the local Tyro League and has represented Southampton Schools FA at Under-13, 14 and 15 levels.

Barnes currently represents Hampshire in county Under-16 soccer and, predictably, wants to be a professional footballer when he leaves school.

Barnes, who captains a currently unbeaten Cherries U16 team, was among the recipients of an award at the Hampshire Schools Sports Federation Michael Austin Harlick Outstanding Sportsperson Presentation Evening at Winchester in midweek.

"What makes Tommy's achievement even more outstanding is the fact that he does not play his football in Northern Ireland and has had to build his reputation from afar," said Testwood PE Head Nick Ainsworth.

## Firepower pair

Brockenhurst hot shot Jack Hoey and 10-goal Barton Peveril striker Ben Gurman provide the Hampshire Sixth Forms Colleges firepower in next Saturday's English Schools' FA Under-18 Trophy first round tie against Kent at Thamesmead Town, noon.

## Midweek double

Hampshire Schools' enjoyed a midweek double over Winchester, beating the College 2-0 at Under-15 level, and 5-2 in the Under-14 age bracket. George Higgins and a Winchester defender, who put through his own goal, set up the 2-0 win, while Matt Rickman (2), Brad Lethbridge, James Baxter, and Kelvin Lichowe scored for the U14s.



**BALL WINNER:** Barton Peveril's Jack Pearson (in blue) with a slide tackle.

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## BP GRAB UNTIDY WIN

**BARTON PEVERIL and Sparsholt are set to lock horns twice in prestigious colleges cup competitions, writes MIKE VIMPANY**

They go head-to-head in the English Schools' FA Under-18 Colleges Trophy third round at Chestnut Avenue on Monday (2pm) and will meet again next month - in the Peter Munro Cup quarter-finals at the Sparsholt Agricultural College on December 10.

Barton Peveril scored twice in five minutes midway through the second half to secure a somewhat untidy 2-0 PMC win over visiting Totton.

Ben Gurman won and then converted a 70th minute penalty which gave BP the lead and then set up former Southampton City Schools player Ben Hull for the second soon after.

Cup holders Sparsholt won 2-0 at Queen Mary's College.

Neither 2013 beaten finalists,

Brockenhurst, South Downs nor St Vincent needed to break sweat to earn their respective places in round two.

Scheduled opponents Havant, Alton and City College were able to raise sides.

Itchen trimmed 2013 finalists Portsmouth 3-2, while Farnborough built on a 1-0 interval lead - provided by Cameron Hogg's curling shot - and strolled home 3-0 at Richard Tauntons.

James Thomas doubled Boro's lead from the penalty spot - RTC then wasting a spot kick chance of their own before Colleges rep team pick Liam Fogarty settled affairs with a 30-yard free kick.

Newcomers Andover struggled to get to grips with a high pressing Peter Symonds in a goal-less first half, but ran out 3-1 winners.

Przemek Rozanski crossed a low ball into Kieren Stephens who calmly tucked home his seventh goals of the season, but PSC were

soon level through Finn Hampton. The ball into the bottom corner to score his 7th goal of the year.

Andover regained the upper hand by keeping possession position for long periods of play - and finally got their noses back in front when Stephens whipped in a cross to the back post, where Luke Greenway headed it back for Cameron Roach to volley his side back in front.

Roach pounced again late on - Stephens the creator of his 11th goal of the season.

The 3-1 victory gives Andover a comfortable looking away tie at St Vincent in the quarter-finals.

Farnborough host South Downs, Sparsholt take on Barton Peveril in the 'second leg' of the double-header, and - in the tie of the round - Itchen host Brockenhurst.

Second XI Cup holders Peter Symonds crashed out 2-0 to Barton Peveril, while Farnborough thrashed Havant 9-1 in the biggest score of the day.

Other Second XI scores were: St Vincent 2 South Downs 1, Eastleigh 6 Fareham 0, Alton 2 Sparsholt 4, Richard Taunton 0 Itchen 4, Portsdown 2 Basingstoke 1.

Brockenhurst went through on penalties.

Quarter-final draw: Brockenhurst v St Vincent, Eastleigh v Farborough, Sparsholt v Barton Peveril, Itchen v Portsmouth.

The draw for the 3rd XI Cup second round is:

King Edward VI v Queen Mary's, Barton Peveril v Highbury, South Downs v Brockenhurst, Itchen v Andover.

Next week's fixtures -

Monday  
ESFA Under-18 Colleges Trophy Round 3: Barton Peveril v Sparsholt.

Wednesday: Hampshire Sixth Form Colleges League  
Brockenhurst v Barton Peveril, Farnborough v Itchen, Havant v Totton, Peter Symonds v Bournemouth & Poole, Poole Grammar v Chichester, Portsmouth v Sparsholt, Richard Taunton v Alton, South Downs v Andover, St Vincent v Queen Mary's.

## Ladies win, but at injury cost

Southampton Saints Ladies injury-hit squad eased their way in to the first round proper with a 2-0 win over Swindon Spittires.

After a tight first 45 minutes in which neither keeper was really tested, Saints rallied in the second half.

The home side took the lead on 57 minutes after a very well worked move down the right with Krystal Whyte crossing for Midge Browning to score for the second week running. Saints doubled their lead on 67 minutes as Caton in the Swindon goal spilled a Becki Bath free kick and Kerri Why was first to react and smash home.

Emma Whitlock was replaced by Jess Lewry on 71 minutes

and shortly after Saints were forced in to their second change as Carla Mitchell (pictured) suffered a bad injury resulting in the game being held up for nearly half an hour.

The game restarted with Mitchell on her way to hospital and Saints determined to finish the game for their injured team mate.

Saints finished 2-0 winners but all thoughts were with Carla whose injuries have been confirmed as ligament/tendon damaged and a fracture.



**BATTLE:** Dom Collicott is held back by Totton's defence.

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KRL	6	5	1	0	1	34	9
AFC Burrsdon	5	4	1	0	21	6	13
Hamble Roll Call	3	3	0	0	15	3	9
Sholing United	5	3	0	2	17	17	9
Yacht Tavern	4	2	0	2	10	9	6
AFC West End	4	1	1	2	7	7	4
Bush Hill & NH	3	1	0	2	9	11	3
Cricketers Arms	6	1	0	5	15	20	5
Aldermoor United	6	0	0	6	3	49	0

## Junior Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ice House	5	5	0	0	26	9	21
AFC Riverside	6	4	1	1	13	9	13
Titans	5	3	1	1	16	8	10
Glen	6	3	0	3	18	18	9
Sky Blues	6	3	0	3	16	23	9
Landguard Rovers	6	2	1	3	26	23	6
AFC Portswod	5	2	0	3	16	24	6
Chartwell Green	5	1	2	2	12	15	5
Chamberlayne Ath	7	1	1	5	13	16	4
RS Ocean Village	5	1	0	4	9	22	3

## Junior Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Itchen Saints	6	5	1	0	29	6	21
S & D Youth	7	4	1	2	18	13	13
Testlands	6	4	0	2	21	8	12
Hamble Roll Call Res	6	3	1	2	18	13	10
Phenix AFC	6	3	0	3	13	14	9
B Wood Wanderers	4	2	0	2	7	11	6
Lokomotive Eastleigh	6	1	2	2	7	11	5
LH Galaxy	8	0	3	5	11	26	3
Athletico Tin Hut	4	0	0	4	5	21	0

## Junior Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trant	8	7	0	1	44	9	21
Hedge End Athletic	6	6	0	0	38	10	18
Test Valley Spartans	7	4	0	3	20	22	12
AFC Bishopstoke	6	3	0	3	13	17	9
Bishops	5	2	0	3	15	22	6
Young Boys 93/94	2	1	0	1	6	5	3
AFC Velmore	5	1	0	4	12	16	3
Ego	3	1	0	2	7	17	3
Chartwell Green Res	4	1	0	3	6	17	3
Fleming Sports	6	0	0	6	8	34	0

## Junior Division Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marchwood Rangers	8	5	1	2	29	16	16
Carnival UK	7	4	1	2	34	22	13
King George	5	4	0	1	17	11	12
Sheffside	7	4	0	3	31	28	12
Durley	6	3	2	1	17	12	11
Eastpoint	6	3	1	2	20	17	10
AFC Southbrook	6	3	0	3	23	17	9
Holbury United	7	3	0	4	24	29	9
Royale Marine	6	0	1	5	10	20	1
Otter Sunday	6	0	0	6	7	40	0

## Junior Division Five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sholing Monks	7	6	0	1	32	14	18
Curbridge	6	4	1	1	22	6	13
Brook Park Sports	6	4	0	2	30	9	12
Dorchester Arms	5	4	0	1	21	8	12
Bittume Ducks	8	4	0	4	29	31	12
Portsmouth United	2	2	2	4	14	16	8
Burridge AFC	5	2	1	2	12	11	7
Itchen Albion	4	2	0	2	6	11	6
Portside	3	1	0	2	5	6	3
St Minions	6	1	0	5	13	41	3
Soton SeaHawks	6	0	0	6	4	35	0

## Junior Division Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Netley Royals	7	7	0	0	29	11	21
Mottisfont	6	6	0	0	39	5	18
Hunters Inn	6	6	0	0	31	2	18
Fawley RBL	6	4	1	1	34	16	13
JSC	6	2	0	4	12	16	6
Unity	6	2	0	4	10	23	6
AFC Phoenix	6	1	1	4	9	17	4
AFC Spitfire	7	1	1	5	13	27	4
Sporting Compass	7	0	2	5	8	31	2
Bannister Park	7	0	1	6	6	43	1

## Junior Division Seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
AFC Waterside	7	6	1	0	59	4	19
Dorchester Manor	6	5	0	1	33	11	15
AFC Bishopstoke Res	6	5	0	1	29	10	15
Portsmouth Utd Res	6	3	1	2	19	14	10
Netley RBL	6	3	0	3	24	17	9
Woodside AFC	7	3	0	4	19	30	9
Lyndhurst Junior FC	3	2	0	1	9	6	6
Chamberlayne Ath Res	6	1	2	3	8	29	5
Testwood Tornadoes	9	0	1	8	14	52	1
AFC Carnival	6	0	1	5	4	45	1

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## PRINCE'S CROWNING GLORY

**JORDAN Prince was the star of the show as his Junior Division 2 side S&D moved up to second, blasting L.H. Galaxy back to earth in an emphatic 5-2 win.**

S&D were trailing 2-1 at half-time but a second-half implosion from Galaxy saw Prince score a hat-trick before crowning his performance with a late fourth goal, writes LIAM GARRAHAN

In Junior Division 3, Luke Faithful lived up to his name as his two goals helped Hedge End Athletic to a 3-2 win over top-of-the-table Trant. Bouwe Bosma netted twice for Trant but Faithful's double and a goal from Daniel Turner was enough to put the away side to bed. The result moves Athletic up to second, three points behind Trant with two games in hand over the league leaders.

It was seven heaven for Junior Division 7 side AFC Waterside as they swept Testwood Tornadoes away in a fantastic 7-0 hammering, pulling further clear at the top of the table and leaving the Tornadoes second-from-bottom with a miserable goal difference of -38. With the score at 1-0 at half-time nobody could have predicted the storm that was to follow with the floodgates opening in

the second half and a tsunami of goals for the hosts. Deano Lamb claimed a hat-trick and Michael Baker grabbed a brace. Josh Munroe and Sean Parker poured further despair on the Tornadoes' miserable day.

• HAYWARD Sunday League Premier Division side East Christchurch SSC were the comeback kings in their Hampshire Senior Cup match at home to Senior Division side KRL.

Mike Saunders bagged a brace for the visitors but it wasn't enough to see off East Christchurch who came back from 3-2 down at half-time to win 4-3 and squeeze into the third round. In the day's other tie, Portsmouth's Co-op Dragons roared to a 3-1 victory against AFC West End to secure their place in the hat for round three.

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'Wood hit for six  
FC Exchange came out 6-3 winners at home to AFC Portswood in the Hampshire FA Intermediate Cup second round.

A double from Solomon Salisu and a goal for Rob North wasn't enough for Portswood as they crashed out of the tournament.

Arms Athletic put the game out of reach for their opponents Chamberlayne Athletic, hammering them 8-1.

AFC Riverside came from behind to win 3-1 against Anton Arms. Goals from Luke Living, Michael Collins and Felix Fetchenhauer capped off their second-half dominance.

In the round's other ties, Royal Mail Bournemouth delivered a 2-1 win away from home against Sky Blues and RS Ocean Village butchered Shoulder of Mutton United in a resounding 3-1 win.

The Hedge End Hawks soared to a 5-1 victory over Athletico Tin Hut and Hampshire Roll Call Reserves were called into action in dramatic fashion as they needed penalties to see off Crofton Saints.

Titchfield doubled their first-half advantage to take a convincing 4-0 victory at home to Eastpoint in the Hampshire FA Junior B Cup. Joining them in the next round will be Durley who needed penalties to secure a home win against Queen Victoria. Chris Reilly netted in the second half before scoring in the 4-2 shoot-out win.

## Phil your boots ...

THE Hampshire FA Junior C Cup second round saw Fawley RBL's Phil Bryan put in a refined performance as he smashed four past the bleating Black Sheep. With the hosts 2-0 up at half-time, Bryan doubled his tally in the second half as he put the gloss on a slick 4-1 win.

FC Wildebeast were victims of a stampede of their own making as Mottisfont romped to a 4-1 win. Matt Bosanquet claimed a hat-trick with Ross Man adding to the Wildebeast's misery.

FC Lovedean were forced to show some second-half-heart as they came from behind to win 3-1 against Netley RBL, while Andover RBL are also into the second round after beating JSC 1-0.

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**ON TARGET:** Justyn Penfold, left, netted for Chamberlayne AFC against Comrades Reserves.

## CHAMBERLAYNE DISH OUT SIX OF THE BEST

**CHAMBERLAYNE** AFC jumped to the top of the Senior Division of the Drew Smith Southampton League after hitting lowly Comrades Reserves for six.

Billy Haynes scored twice in a 6-1 success, with Justyn Penfold, Darren Nutbeam, Nick Simpkins and Aaron Looker also netting. Grant Newton replied, **writes LIAM GARRAHAN.**

Montfiore Halls moved level on points with third-placed AFC Botley in Junior 1 after beating them 3-1 away. Connor Dalton got the hosts' goal but Joe Massey's double and Alex Erikson's strike gave the students victory.

Sam Wallace scored three times as Woodlands leapt into second spot in Junior 2 with a 4-2 success against Priory Rovers. Leaders FC Wellington won 2-1 at Botley Village.

Fernando Rinaldi scored twice as London Airways defeated BTC Southampton A 3-1 in Junior 3. Will Sayer was also on target.

Ollie Burrows scored twice as AFC Hiltingbury maintained their 100 per cent record in Junior 5. They also netted an own goal before notching up their fifth straight

win, 3-2 against Waltham Wolves.

Paul Joyce fired a hat-trick as Hythe Aztecs romped to a 6-0 win over AFC Stoneham in the Veterans A Division. Dan Gibbons (2) and Neil Ward also scored.

Carlo Downie bagged a double hat-trick as the top v bottom clash in the Over-40 Division ended in a predictable landslide

win for the leaders. Redlynch and Woodfalls United extended their 100 per cent winning start to seven games after hammering rock bottom Humble Plumb 18-0. Martin Tuttin struck three times and Mike Bull, Paul Spiller and Mark Savage all grabbed braces. Calvin Crammer, Chris Nash and Nick Musselwhite piled on the agony for Plumb.

## Sher agony: Luke's treble is not enough

LUKE Shergold's hat-trick was in vain for Braishfield as Spartans emerged 8-5 winners in a Hampshire Intermediate Cup second round goal-fest.

Craig Fielding and an own goal made up 'Field's nap hand.

Bournemouth Manor edged out Drew Smith Southampton Football League side Real FC in a nine-goal thriller, Craig King, Lee Osborne, Seb Bridle and Jordan Withey replying.

Another Drew Smith outfit, Nursling, also lost - 5-3 at Southsea United with Wade Wilson, Courtenay Campbell and Martin McNeil replying.

BTC Southampton netted through Joe Best, Sanchez McLean and Gary Fitzhorswell in a 3-2 victory against Christchurch Reserves.

Hampshire Leaguers Clanfield gave Langley Manor a 5-1 thumping with Brendan Rafia replying.

Mike Randall fired a hat-trick as Comrades defeated Seaview 4-0; Lewis Morse also on target.

## Seven heaven

KINGSCLERE and Gotham were both in seven heaven in the second round of the Hampshire Junior A Cup.

Kingsclere defeated New Forest 7-3 with Callum Channell, Marcus McCarthy and Josh Knight replying. Gotham caned Sporting Wessex 7-1, with Joe Moore replying.

Marcus Bevan grabbed a brace as EP FC won 5-1 at Wellow. Chris Rose scored twice but his Warsash Wasps side crashed out after losing 5-3 on penalties to Bramley.

Hamble United were 2-0 up against Kingsclere Reserves when the tie was abandoned after 83 minutes due to an injury.

## Winning Horse

RYAN Martin and Gareth Jones both struck twice as FC White Horse hammered AFC Wootton Reserves 9-0 in the second round of the Hampshire FA Junior B Cup.

Wayne Atkin, Rob Doherty, Phil Bryan and Dean Thomas also scored, while Wootton provided an own goal.

Hartley Wintney A defeated Weston City 4-2 with Chris Moulesdale and Greg Bannister replying. Upham Reserves beat Portcastrians Reserves 5-2, Ross Johnson and Simon Machola replying.

## Dear hunter!

MIKE Dear grabbed a hat-trick as Regents Park caned Badgesley Park 6-2 in their Hampshire FA Veterans Cup second round tie.

Neil Flaherty (2) and Darren Winter also netted.

Mike Tryon scored twice as Locks Heath edged past Wildern OB 4-3. Ryan McKinlay and John Ponting also scored.

Ben Goodridge's four-goal show led Sporting BTC to a 5-1 victory over Michelmersh and Timsbury 5-1, and Paul Jenkins was another four-goal star as Redbridge Old Boys beat Old Tauntonians 5-0.

## Super Cooper

IN THE Southampton FA Junior League Cup, Durley Reserves needed extra-time before beating AFC Station 2-1 thanks to an extra-time winner from Mike Cooper.

Rich Channell scored twice as BTC Southampton O40 beat Hythe & Dibden O40 in the second round of the Southampton FA Veterans Cup.

Dave Riddle and Pete Durst also netted for the winners.

## FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Monday, November 10

**FA CUP**

First round: Havant and W v Preston.

**VANARAMA CONFERENCE**

South: Boreham Wood v Maidenhead.

Tuesday, November 11

**JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY**

Southern Section quarter-finals:

Bristol City v AFC Wimbledon, Crawley Town v Gillingham, Leyton Orient v Northampton.

Northern Section quarter-finals:

Bury v Tranmere, Doncaster v Notts County.

**VANARAMA CONFERENCE**

Premier: AFC Telford v Altrincham, Alfreton v Bristol Rovers, Darford v Welling, Dover v Braintree, Forest Green Rovers v Eastleigh, Gateshead v Lincoln, Grimsby v FC Halifax, Kidderminster v Aldershot, Macclesfield v Chester, Woking v Wrexham, Barnet v Torquay.

South: Bromley v Hemel Hempstead.

**EVO-STIK SOUTHERN LEAGUE**

Red Insure Cup, second round:

AFC Totton v Poole Town, Weymouth v Sholing.

Premier Division: Hereford v Dorchester, Histon v Hitchin.

Division One South & West:

Cinderford v Evesham.

**SYDENHAMS WESSEX LEAGUE**

Premier Division: Folland Sports v Alresford, Hordean v Fawley, Lympstone Town v AFC Portchester, Totton & Eling v Winchester City.

**NORTH HANTS SENIOR CUP**

First round: Andover New Street v Overton.

**ANDOVER OPEN CUP**

First round: Stockbridge v Kingsclere.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**

Wyvern Shield, league phase: A. Dorchester Town v Downton.

Wednesday, November 12

**INTERNATIONAL MATCHES**

Argentina v Croatia (Boleyn Ground), Belgium v Iceland, Holland v Mexico, Norway v Estonia, Turkey v Brazil.

**JOHNSTONE'S PAINT TROPHY**

Southern Section quarter-final:

Coventry v Plymouth.

Northern Section quarter-final:

Walsall v Shifnal Utd.

**BDH INTER-LEAGUE CUP**

Bournemouth Southern League v Hampshire Premier League (at New Milton FC).

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**

Premier Division: AFC Portchester v Moneyfields.

**SALISBURY HOSPITAL CUP**

Amesbury v Downton.

Thursday, November 13

**INTERNATIONAL MATCH**

Uruguay v Costa Rica.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**

Wyvern Shield, league phase: D. Winchester City v Wimborne Town.

Friday, November 14

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Qualifying Group D: Georgia v Poland, Germany v Gibraltar, Scotland v Rep of Ireland.

Qualifying Group F: Greece v Faroe Islands, Hungary v Finland, Romania v Northern Ireland.

Qualifying Group I: Portugal v Armenia, Serbia v Denmark.

**INTERNATIONAL MATCHES**

Chile v Venezuela, China PR v New Zealand, Colombia v USA (Craven Cottage), France v Albania, Japan v Honduras, Jordan v South Korea, Paraguay v Peru.

**SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

League 1: Barnsley v Colchester.

League 2: Cambridge Utd v Northampton.

Saturday, November 15

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP**

Qualifying Group C: FYR Macedonia v Slovakia, Luxembourg v Ukraine, Spain v Belarus.

Qualifying Group E: England v Slovenia (6pm), San Marino v Estonia, Switzerland v Lithuania.

Qualifying Group G: Austria v Russia, Moldova v Liechtenstein, Montenegro v Sweden.

**SKY BET FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

League 1: Coventry v Notts County, Crews v Chesterfield, Doncaster v Sheff Utd, Gillingham v Leyton Orient, Oldham v Crawley Town, Port Vale v Rochdale, Preston v Bradford, Scunthorpe v Milton Keynes Dons, Swindon v Bristol City, Walsall v Peterborough, Yeovil v Fleetwood Town.

League 2: AFC Wimbledon v Dag & Red, Carlisle v Accrington Stanley, Luton v Tranmere, Morecambe v Bury, Plymouth v Portsmouth, Shrewsbury v Mansfield, Southend v Hartlepool, Stevenage v Cheltenham, York v Oxford Utd.

**ALDERSHOT INTERMEDIATE CUP**

Round 2: Wey Valley v Headley Utd.

**NORTH HANTS INTERMEDIATE CUP**

Second round: Otterbourne Res v Overton Utd Res.

**WYVERN COMBINATION LEAGUE**

Wyvern Challenge Cup, first round: AFC Totton v Folland Spots.

**Premier Division:** Bemerton HH v Petersfield Town, Team Solent v Ringwood Town.

**Division One East:** Andover New Street v Alton Town, Fareham Town v Tadley Calleva, US Portsmouth v Horndean.

**Division One West:** Blackfield & Langley v Downton, Fawley AFC v Basildon, Hythe & Dibden v Verwood, Laverton & Ford v Lympstone Town, Romsey Town, Romsey Town v East Cowes Vics.

**Wyvern Shield, league phase:** C. Newport IoW v Sholing.

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# LIVE AND LET THAI

**SOUTHAMPTON** Thai boxers Kelvin Kendall and Mo Abdurahman are celebrating title success on home turf.

The pair from Southampton Look Borai Gym won a title each in the Fast & Furious 12 fight night at city nightclub Oceana.

Kendall beat Troy Matthews from Portsmouth Boxing to claim the Southern Area boxing title on a unanimous decision, while Abdurahman took the English K1 title with a first round knockout against Damo Weeden of Phoenix Bournemouth.

There wasn't such success for Look Borai's Lawrie Flanagan who lost to Pete Thomas from WAKT in a Southern Area Muay Thai title through a second round stoppage.

"The show went very well, packed

night of action," said organiser Richard Harding. "It was an exciting night of tough match ups, very even fights throughout, looking forward to doing another three shows next year."

In the undercard fights, Gunn Taylor, another from the Look Borai crop, got a draw in a very tough boxing match against Christian Napolitano of R&R Boxing.

Meanwhile, other Look Borai fighter Brandon De Morney lost a majority decision to Connor Preston from R&R Boxing and then Joe Ludolf won a split decision against a very tough Jake Lawry from WAKT over 5 rounds of thai boxing.

Andrzej Pogolski from Lookborai Southampton jumped in at a day's notice to fight against Mike Hughes from Poole Cage Academy but lost a unanimous decision.



Winner Matt Dunn (centre) is congratulated by Lewis Thompson after their bout. ID No: 19875915



PICTURES BY CHRIS MOORHOUSE



Matt Dunn (left) and Lewis Thompson in action.

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Matt Dunn (left) and Lewis Thompson. ID No: 19875911



Mike Hughes (left) and Andrzej Pogolski.

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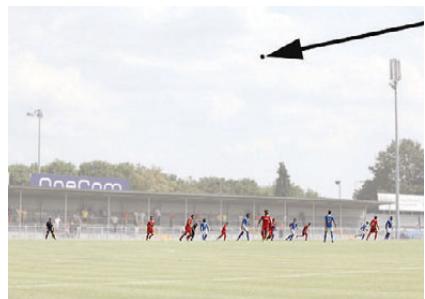
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Competition number **S42**

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